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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE: ROSENTHAL, AKA: MIDGE DECTER,

MARJORIE MRS. [REDACTED], SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED:

11/20/84 WITHOUT FAIL - [REDACTED]

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF PODHORETZ FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT, POSITION NOT INDICATED BUT REQUIRES SENATE CONFIRMATION.

BORN JULY 25, 1927, IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, AND HAS SSAN 476-24-6240.

RESIDENCES: BIRTH TO SEPTEMBER, 1947, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA; SEPTEMBER, 1947, TO APRIL, 1948, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK; APRIL, 1948, TO PRESENT, [REDACTED]

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NOTE: REQUEST RECEIVED 11/5/84 FROM FRED FIELDING, COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT.

RETURN TO [REDACTED] ROOM 5161

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1948, TO NOVEMBER, 1950, NEW YORK, NEW YORK; NOVEMBER, 1950, TO
1954, BELLEROSE, NEW YORK; SUMMER, 1954, TO MARCH, 1978, NEW
YORK, NEW YORK; MARCH, 1978, TO THE PRESENT, 120 E. 81ST STREET,
NEW YORK, NEW YORK; VACATION HOME, 12 SETTLER'S LANDING LANE,
EAST HAMPTON, NEW YORK.

EDUCATION: SAINT PAUL CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, ST. PAUL,
MINNESOTA, 1942 TO 1944, DIPLOMA; UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA,
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, 1945 TO 1946, NO DEGREE; JEWISH
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 3080 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, 1946 TO
1948, NO DEGREE.

EMPLOYMENT: SEPTEMBER, 1947, TO NOVEMBER, 1954, SERIES OF
SHORT-TERM OFFICE JOBS INCLUDING THE JEWISH RECONSTRUCTIONIST
FOUNDATION, 15 W. 86TH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK; INALAND
METALS COMPANY, 250 W. 57, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, COMMENTARY MAGA-
ZINE; MAYS DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT STORE, BELLEROSE, NEW YORK;
AND A DR. [REDACTED] BELLEROSE, QUEENS, AS A PART-TIME
RECEPTIONIST; NOVEMBER, 1954, TO APRIL, 1956, COMMENTARY MAGA-
ZINE, 33 W. 32ND, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, SECRETARY; APRIL, 1956,
TO JANUARY, 1957, MIDSTREAM MAGAZINE, 250 W. 57TH, NEW YORK,
NEW YORK, EDITORIAL ASSISTANT; JANUARY, 1957, TO SEPTEMBER,

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1964, CHILD-REARING YEARS, FREE-LANCE ODD-JOBS, EDITORIAL WORK;
20 SEPTEMBER, 1964, TO JANUARY, 1965, HUDSON INSTITUTE, QUAKER
18 RIDGE ROAD, CROTON-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK, EDITOR; JANUARY, 1965,
TO AUGUST, 1966, COLUMBIA RECORDS {CBS}, 52ND AND 6TH AVENUE,
16 NEW YORK, NEW YORK, EDITOR; AUGUST, 1966, TO JUNE, 1970,
HARPER'S MAGAZINE, 2 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, EDITOR;
14 JUNE, 1970, TO SEPTEMBER, 1971, UNEMPLOYED WRITER; SEPTEMBER,
1971, TO JULY, 1973, SATURDAY REVIEW, 488 MADISON, NEW YORK,
12 NEW YORK, EDITOR; JULY, 1973, TO NOVEMBER, 1974, UNEMPLOYED TO
WRITE BOOK, 924 WEST END, NEW YORK, NEW YORK; NOVEMBER, 1974,
10 TO JUNE, 1980, BASIC BOOKS, 10 E. 53RD STREET, NEW YORK, NEW
YORK, EDITOR; SEPTEMBER, 1980, TO THE PRESENT, COMMITTEE FOR THE
8 FREE WORLD, 211 E. 51, NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

RELATIVES: SPOUSE, [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED] RESIDES WITH APPOINTEE; FATHER, HARRY
ROSENTHAL, BORN MARCH 13, 1896, IN POLAND, RESIDES 515 LEXING-
4 TON PARKWAY, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA; EX-SPOUSE, MOSHE DECTER, BORN
OCTOBER 14, 1921, IN TARENTUM, PENNSYLVANIA, RESIDENCE UNKNOWN;
2 SISTER, SHEVA ROSENTHAL BERNSTEIN, BORN JANUARY 18, 1921, IN
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, RESIDES 4201 CATHEDRAL AVENUE, WASHINGTON,

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D. C.; SISTER, CONSTANCE ROSENTHAL FIELD, BORN NOVEMBER 27,

1924, IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, RESIDES 1860 EAGLE RIDGE DRIVE,

MENDOTA HEIGHTS, MINNESOTA; DAUGHTER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DAUGHTER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DAUGHTER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SON, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MOTHER {DECEASED}, ROSE CALMENSON ROSENTHAL,
BORN MARCH 5, 1894, IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

REFERENCES AND ASSOCIATES: [REDACTED]

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20 CLEARANCE: FBI, AUTUMN OF 1964, EMPLOYMENT AT HUDSON
18 INSTITUTE, APPOINTEE BELIEVES LEVEL WAS TOP SECRET.

16 NEW YORK CHECK MAJOR NEWSPAPER MORGUES RE APPOINTEE.
WASHINGTON FIELD CHECK WHITE HOUSE AND UNITED STATES
SECRET SERVICE.

14 PITTSBURGH CHECK OPM.

12 MINNEAPOLIS VERIFY DOB AND POB AT BUREAU OF VITAL
STATISTICS. VERIFY DIVORCE FROM MOSHE DECTER IN JULY, 1955, IN
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

10 NEW YORK AND MINNEAPOLIS ARE ALSO INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT
THE U. S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICES WHEREVER APPOINTEE HAS LIVED OR
WORKED AS AN ADULT TO DETERMINE IF ANY INFORMATION INDICATING
8 FEDERAL PROSECUTIVE ACTION CONCERNING

6 NEW YORK, AS PRINCIPAL OFFICE, INSURE A MINIMUM OF 35
PERSONS KNOWLEDGEABLE CONCERNING APPOINTEE ARE INTERVIEWED.

4 INVESTIGATION SHOULD RECEIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION AND
RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD TELEPHONICALLY ADVISE FBIHQ OF ANY
DEROGATORY INFORMATION DEVELOPED AND CONFIRM BY TELETYPE.

2 RECEIVING OFFICES NOTE THAT ALL PERIODS OF APPOINTEE'S LIFE
MUST BE ACCOUNTED FOR AND IF DURING THE COURSE OF INVESTIGATION

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UNEXPLAINED OR UNACCOUNTED FOR GAPS ARE IDENTIFIED, LEADS SHOULD
BE DIRECTED TO NEW YORK TO HAVE APPOINTEE CONTACTED AND TO HAVE
HIS ACTIVITIES DURING SPECIFIC PERIODS IDENTIFIED. ALL PERIODS
OF UNEMPLOYMENT MUST BE ACCOUNTED FOR THROUGH ACTIVE INVESTIGA-
TION. NEW YORK ATTEMPT TO VERIFY ACTIVITIES DURING PERIODS OF
UNEMPLOYMENT. IF NECESSARY, INTERVIEW APPOINTEE TO DETERMINE
NAMES OF ASSOCIATES TO VERIFY THIS. CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INTER-
VIEWS.

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Subject Podhoretz, Midge DeckerBirthdate & Place aka's: marjorieAddress Midge DeckerMrs. Moshe DeckerLocalities Mrs. b6nee: RosenthalR# Date 11-7 Searcher b7CProd. Initials FILE NUMBER M

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Subject ROSENTHAL, HARRY
 Birthdate & Place 3-(5 or 13)-1896, Poland
 Address ST PAUL, MN

Localities _____

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Subject DICKER, MOSHE
 Birthdate & Place 10-14-31, Tarentum, PA
 Address unknown

Localities _____

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Subject Bernstein, Sheva

Birthdate & Place 1-18-21, St Paul MN

Address WDC

nee: Rosenthal

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Sheva Rosenthal 1136,
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Calmeenson, Rose

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Standard Form 86

SECURITY INVESTIGATION DATA

CASE SERIAL NO. (CSC use only)

19. HAVE YOU EVER HAD A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN OR HAVE YOU EVER HAD MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR A MENTAL CONDITION? ☐ YES ☒ NO.
(If your answer is "Yes," give details in item 28.)

20. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (SINCE 1930). (Exclusive of military service.)

COUNTRY DATE LEFT U.S.A. DATE RETURNED U.S.A. PURPOSE

Please see Sheet B. attached

21. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., OR ANY COMMUNIST OR FASCIST ORGANIZATION? ☐ YES ☒ NO.

22. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, MOVEMENT, GROUP, OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH IS TOTALITARIAN, FASCIST, COMMUNIST, OR SUBVERSIVE, OR WHICH HAS ADOPTED, OR SHOWS, A POLICY OF ADVOCATING OR APPROVING THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF FORCE OR VIOLENCE TO DENY OTHER PERSONS THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, OR WHICH SEEKS TO ALTER THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY UNCONSTITUTIONAL MEANS? ☐ YES ☒ NO.

23. IF YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTION 21 OR 22 ABOVE IS "YES," STATE THE NAMES OF ALL SUCH ORGANIZATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, MOVEMENTS, GROUPS, OR COMBINATIONS OF PERSONS AND DATES OF MEMBERSHIP. IN ITEM 28 OR ON A SEPARATE SHEET TO BE ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THIS FORM, GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF YOUR ACTIVITIES THEREIN AND MAKE ANY EXPLANATION YOU DESIRE REGARDING YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR ACTIVITIES.

NAME IN FULL ADDRESS FROM TO OFFICE HELD

24. MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. (List all organizations in which you are now a member or have been a member, except those which show religious or political affiliations.) (If none, so state.)

NAME IN FULL	ADDRESS	TYPE	FROM	TO	OFFICE HELD
League for Industrial Democracy	275 Seventh Ave. N.Y.C.	educ.	1966	NY --	Bd. member
Philadelphia Society	No. Adams, Mich.	educ.	1983	X --	none
Council on Foreign Relations	58 East 68th St. New York City	educ.	1980	NY --	none

25. RELATIVES. (Parents, spouse, divorced spouse, children, brothers, and sisters, living or dead. Name of spouse should include maiden name and any other names by previous marriage. If person is dead, state "dead" after relationship and furnish information for other columns as of time of death.)

RELATION	NAME IN FULL	YEAR OF BIRTH	ADDRESS	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	PRESENT CITIZENSHIP
husband	[REDACTED]			U.S.	U.S.
father	Harry Rosenthal	1896?	515 Lexington Pkwy. St. Paul, MN	Poland	U.S.
ex-spouse	Moshe Decter	1921		U.S.	U.S.
sister	Sheva Rosenthal Bernstein	1921	4201 Cathedral Ave. Wash., D.C.	U.S.	U.S.
sister	Constance Rosenthal Field	1924	1860 Eagle Ridge Dr. Mendota Hts., Minn.	U.S.	U.S.
daughter	[REDACTED]			U.S.	U.S.
daughter	[REDACTED]			U.S.	U.S.
daughter	[REDACTED]			U.S.	U.S.
son	[REDACTED]			U.S.	U.S.
mother	Rose Calmenson Rosenthal	(deceased)	Jan. 1972	U.S.	(U.S.)

(See Sheet C for telephone numbers)

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UNABLE TO IDENTIFY WITH ARREST RECORD
ON BASIS OF INFORMATION FURNISHED.
FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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DECTER
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October 22, 1984
(Date)

TO: FBI, LIAISON
FROM: FRED F. FIELDING
SUBJECT: FBI Investigations

B 11-20
S 12-5

Subject's Name PODHORETZ, MIDGE DECTER
Date of Birth 7/25/27 Place of Birth St. Paul, Minn.
Present Address 120 East 81st Street, New York, N.Y.

We request: Copy of Previous Report
Name Check
X Full Field Investigation NO IRS TO FBI
Limited Update

The person named above is being considered for:

White House Staff Position
X Presidential Appointment* w/ Senate Confirmation *PAS

Attachments:

X SF 86 1 2
X SF 87, Fingerprint Card
X Supplemental 86

Remarks/Special Instructions:

PLEASE EXPEDITE. Original 86 form to be sent as soon as signed original is received.

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Standard Form 86

AUGUST 1964
U.S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
(F.P.M. CHAPTER 736)
86-107SECURITY INVESTIGATION DATA
FOR SENSITIVE POSITION

CASE SERIAL NO. (CSC use only)

INSTRUCTIONS.—Prepare in triplicate, using a typewriter. Fill in all items. If the answer is "No" or "None," so state. If more space is needed for any item, continue under item 28.

1. FULL NAME (Initials and abridgements of full name are not acceptable. If no middle name, show "(NMN)"; if initials only, show "(no given or middle name)".)	(LAST NAME)	(FIRST NAME)	(MIDDLE NAME)	2. DATE OF BIRTH
	Dadhoretz	Midge	Decter	July 25, 1927
OTHER NAMES USED. (Maiden name; names by former marriages, former names changed legally or otherwise, aliases, nicknames, etc. Specify which, and show dates used.)				3. PLACE OF BIRTH
Professional name: Midge Decter				St. Paul, Minn.
A/K/A (birth certificate, passport) Marjorie				4. <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
5. HEIGHT		WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR
5'5"		138	br	br

6. <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW(ER) <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED	7. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED, GIVE FULL NAME AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF SPOUSE OR FORMER SPOUSE. INCLUDE WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME. GIVE DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE OR DIVORCE. (Give same information regarding all previous marriages and divorces.)
	m. St. Paul 9/7/47 previous spouse: Moshe Decter, Tarentum, Pa. 10/14/21 d. " " 7/2/55 present spouse: [redacted] m. 10/21/56

8. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE. (If actual places of residence differ from the mailing addresses, furnish and identify both and go back to January 1, 1937. Continue under item 28 on other side if necessary.) Begin with present.

FROM	TO	NUMBER AND STREET	CITY	STATE
March 1978	---	120 E. 81st St.	New York, N.Y.	NY
Feb. 1961	Mar. 78	924 West End Ave.	New York, N.Y.	
Oct. 1956	Feb. 1961	315 W. 106th St.	New York, N.Y.	
summer 54	Oct. 56	59 W. 71st Street	New York, N.Y.	
Nov. 1950	? 54	? 77th Crescent	Bellerose, N.Y.	
Apr. 48	Nov. 50	237 West 11th St.	New York, N.Y.	
Sept. 47	Apr. 48	? Brevoort Place (between Bedford & Franklin)	Brooklyn, N.Y.	
birth to Sept. 47	1943	Fairmount Ave.	St. Paul, Minn.	MP

9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. CITIZEN. <input type="checkbox"/> ALIEN	<input type="checkbox"/> BY BIRTH <input type="checkbox"/> NATURALIZED	ALIEN REGISTRATION NO.	DATE, PLACE, AND COURT
	CERT. NO.	PETITION NO.	
<input type="checkbox"/> DERIVED-PARENTS CERT. NO(S).			
REGISTRATION NO.	NATIVE COUNTRY	DATE AND PORT OF ENTRY	

10. EDUCATION. (All schools above elementary.)

NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	FROM (Year)	TO (Year)	DEGREES
Saint Paul Central H.S.	St. Paul	1942	1944	diploma
Univ. of Minnesota	Minneapolis	1945	1946	none
Jewish Theological Seminary	3080 Broadway N.Y.C.	1946	1948	none

11. THIS SPACE FOR FBI USE. (See also item 29.)

12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		476-24-6240	
13. MILITARY SERVICE (Past or present)		none	
SERIAL NO. (If none, give grade or rating at separation)	BRANCH OF SERVICE (Army, Navy, Air Force, etc.)	FROM (Yr.)	TO (Yr.)

ENCLOSURE

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26a. REFERENCES. (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are aware of your qualifications and fitness.)

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HOME ADDRESS

BUSINESS ADDRESS

YEARS KNOWN

10 East 53rd St. NYC

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10 or so

Georgetown Univ. WFO

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26b. CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATES. (Name three persons, such as friends, schoolmates or colleagues, who know you well.)

NAME IN FULL

HOME ADDRESS

BUSINESS ADDRESS

YEARS KNOWN

c/o Commentary 165 E 56, NYC

NY 15

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(See Sheet C for telephone numbers)

27. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, HAVE YOU EVER BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A FULL FIELD OR BACKGROUND PERSONAL INVESTIGATION BY ANY AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT? ☒ YES ☐ NO. (If your answer is "Yes," show in item 28, (1) the name of the investigating agency (2) the approximate date of investigation, and (3) the level of security clearance granted, if known.)

28. SPACE FOR CONTINUING ANSWERS TO OTHER QUESTIONS. (Show item numbers to which answers apply. Attach a separate sheet if there is not enough space here.)

F.B.I. in the autumn of 1964, necessary for employment at the Hudson Institute.
I do not remember the level but believe it was "top secret."

29. REPORT OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED. (This space reserved for FBI use.)

DATE:

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Before signing this form check back over it to make sure you have answered all questions fully and correctly.

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY that the statements made by me on this form are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

False statement on this form
is punishable by law.

Oct. 9, 1984
(DATE)

(SIGNATURE—Sign original and first carbon copy)

INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED BY AGENCY

INSTRUCTIONS TO AGENCY: See Federal Personnel Manual Chapter 736 and FPM Supplement 296-31, Appendix A, for details on when this form is required and how it is used. If this is a request for investigation before appointment, insert "APPL" in the space for Date of Appointment and show information about the proposed appointment in the other spaces for appointment data. The original and the first carbon copy should be signed by the applicant or appointee. Submit the original and the unsigned carbon copy of the form, Standard Form 87 (Fingerprint Chart), and any investigative information about the person received on voucher forms or otherwise, to the United States Civil Service Commission, Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Washington, D.C., 20415. If this is a request for full field security investigation, submit these forms to the attention of the Division of Reimbursable Investigations; if this is a request for preappointment national agency checks, submit these forms to the attention of the Control Section.

RETAIN THE CARBON COPY OF STANDARD FORM 86 (SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT OR APPOINTEE) FOR YOUR FILES

DATE OF APPOINTMENT	TYPE OF APPOINTMENT <input type="checkbox"/> EXCEPTED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMPETITIVE. (Include indefinite and temporary types of competitive appointments.) (5)	CIVIL SERVICE REGULATION NUMBER OR OTHER APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY	TITLE OF POSITION AND GRADE OR SALARY
DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY	DUTY STATION	SEND RESULTS OF PREAPPOINTMENT CHECK TO:	
THIS IS A SENSITIVE POSITION.			
(SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED AGENCY OFFICIAL)			

14. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMED FORCES UNDER OTHER THAN HONORABLE CONDITIONS? ☐ YES ☐ NO.
(If answer is "Yes," give details in item 28.)

15. EMPLOYMENT. (List ALL employment dates starting with your present employment. Give both month and year for all dates. Show ALL dates and addresses when unemployed. Give name under which employed if different from name now used.)

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>NAME OF EMPLOYER (Firm or agency) AND SUPERVISOR (Full name, if known)</u>	<u>ADDRESS (Where employed)</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>REASON FOR LEAVING</u>
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Please see sheet A attached

16. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISCHARGED (FIRED) FROM EMPLOYMENT FOR ANY REASON? ☐ YES ☐ NO.

17. HAVE YOU EVER RESIGNED (QUIT) AFTER BEING INFORMED THAT YOUR EMPLOYER INTENDED TO DISCHARGE (FIRE) YOU FOR ANY REASON? ☐ YES ☐ NO.
(If your answer to 16 or 17 above is "Yes" give details in item 28. Show the name and address of employer, approximate date, and reasons in each case. This information should agree with the statements made in item 15—EMPLOYMENT.)

18. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, HELD FOR INVESTIGATION OR QUESTIONING, OR CHARGED BY ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY?
(You may omit: (1) Traffic violations for which you paid a fine of \$30 or less; and (2) anything that happened before your 16th birthday. All other incidents must be included, even though they were dismissed or you merely forfeited collateral.) ☐ YES ☐ NO.

IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES," GIVE FULL DETAILS BELOW:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
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SHEET A - in answer to Question 15

(I am known professionally as Midge Decter)

9/80 - --	Committee for the Free World, 211 E. 51, NYC	Exec. Dir.	NY
11/74 - 6/80	Basic Books, 10 E. 53rd St. NYC	Editor	to organize
7/73-11/74	<u>unemployed</u> - to write book, 924 West End NYC		
9/71-7/73	Saturday Review, 488 Madison, NYC	Editor	to write
6/70-9/71	<u>unemployed</u> at home as above	writer	
8/66-6/70	Harper's Magazine, 2 Park Ave., NYC	Editor	boss fired: left with him
1/65-8/66	Columbia Records (CBS), 52nd & 6th Ave. NYC	Editor	advancement
9/64-1/65	Hudson Institute, Quaker Ridge Rd. Croton-on-Hudson, NY	Editor	advancement
1/57-9/64	child-rearing years - free-lance odd-jobs editorial work		X
4/56-1/57	Midstream Magazine, 250 W. 57th, NYC	Editorial Asst	NY advance see above
11/54-4/56	Commentary Magazine, 33 W. 32nd, NYC	Secretary	advancement
9/47 - 11/54	<p>A series of short-term office jobs, on and off, the dates and some of the circumstances of which I can't remember and have no record of, taken before and between the births of [redacted] and on other occasions when my first husband and I were broke, but including the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation, 15 W. 86th St. NYC, Inaland Metals Co., 250 W. 57, NYC, Commentary Magazine, Mays Department Store, Bellerose, NY, and a [redacted] [redacted] then in practice in Bellerose, Queens and for whom I served as part-time receptionist.</p>		

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SHEET B

In answer to question 20

U. K.	7/58-8/58	pleasure visit
W. Germany	11/67-11/67	journalists tour
Mexico	7/68-7/68	meet Mexican writers
Israel	6/70-6/70	writing assignment
Israel	11/73-11/73	tour
France, Italy Spain, Portugal, U.K.	2/77-3/77	U.S.I.A. tour
W. Germany	5/81-5/81	conference
W. Germany	6/83-6/83	conference
W. Germany, France, Turkey, Greece	11/83-12/83	U.S.I.A. tour
Israel	5.84-5/84	tour

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SHEET C - Telephone Numbers

Relatives:

[REDACTED]

Harry Rosenthal	(h) 612-698-6576	(o) 612-224-1355
Moshe Decter	?	
Sheva Rosenthal Bernstein	(h) 202-537-1857	
Constance Rosenthal Field	(h) 612-454-1910	

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References:

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Close Associates:

[REDACTED]

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 22, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT
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FROM:



SUBJECT: MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ
Presidential Appointee

The attached information was received telephonically from Ms. Decter (Mrs. Podhoretz) today; as an addendum to Standard Form 86:

#7 Spouse Married in New York City

#25 Relatives: DOB POB

Sister Sheva 1/18/21 St. Paul, Minnesota

Sister Constance 11/27/24 St. Paul, Minnesota



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Mother Rose 3/5/94* St. Paul, Minnesota

Father Harry 3/13/96* Poland

*Mrs. Podhoretz was uncertain of which parent was born on the 5th and which on the 13th of March. (Mother is deceased and she does not think her father would remember.)

Mrs. Podhoretz's original signed Form 86 will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Thank you.

SUPPLEMENT TO SF-86
(Attach additional pages if necessary)

1. Please furnish the names and addresses of all corporations, firms or other business enterprises, partnerships, nonprofit organizations, and educational or other institutions with which you are presently associated or have been associated during the past five years either as officer, director, trustee, sole owner, partner or stockholder with controlling interest.

NY
WFO
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WFO Committee for the Free World, 211 E. 51st , NYC 10022

President

Heritage Foundation, 214 Mass. Ave., Wash., D.C.

Bd. member

Institute for Education Affairs, 10 E. 40, NYC 10017

Bd. member

Ethics & Public Policy Center, 1030 15th St. NW, Wash., D.C.

Bd. member

2. Have you ever been a candidate for Federal, state or local elected office, or a treasurer or other officer of a political committee? Were there any complaints lodged with the Federal Election Commission or state or local election authorities against you or your political committee? If so, please explain.

No

3. Do you maintain any residence other than your permanent residence; e.g., vacation home? If so, please furnish address.

Yes: vacation home

NY 12 Settler's Landing Lane, East Hampton, New York

4. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by, or been the subject of a complaint to, any court, administrative agency, professional association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If so, please give full details.

No

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5. To your knowledge have your activities or those of any of your business enterprises, or associates in those enterprises, ever been the subject of criminal investigation, or a civil enforcement investigation or proceeding? If so, please give full details.

To my knowledge, no.

6. Have you every been a party in any civil court action? If so, please give full details.

no

I understand that the information being provided on this supplement to the SF-86 is to be considered part of the original SF-86 dated Oct. 9, 1984 and a false statement on this form is punishable by law.

Signed

Wojciech Podkoretz

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR PROSPECTIVE APPOINTEES

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING 
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

This letter confirms in writing your express consent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation to investigate your background in connection with the consideration of your application for employment.

You should be aware that the authority to collect this background information is based on the President's executive powers in Article II of the Constitution. The information will be used to obtain necessary clearances to assist you in your work. The background information, which includes a review of FBI files, will be disclosed to another Federal agency, to assist in its process of clearing you. Willfully making a false statement, or concealing a material fact, may constitute a violation of Section 1001, Title 18, of the U.S. Code.

If you provide any information which indicates a violation of law, whether civil, criminal or regulatory in nature, it will be referred to the appropriate Federal, state, local or foreign agency.

By volunteering information concerning activities protected by the First Amendment, it will be assumed that you are expressly authorizing the maintenance of this information in the records of any Federal agency.

The FBI investigation will include the collection and use of relevant information in the files of various Federal agencies and it is necessary that you authorize the disclosure of such information to the FBI.

If you consent to such an investigation, and to the disclosure of relevant information by other Federal departments and agencies to the FBI, please sign your name below and return this original letter of consent to me.

Thank you.

Name (please print)

Midge Decter Podhoretz

Signature

Midge Decter Podhoretz

Date

Oct. 8, 1984

FBI RELEASE

AUTHORITY TO RELEASE INFORMATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I hereby authorize any Special Agent or other authorized representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation bearing this release, or copy thereof, within one year of its date, to obtain any information in your files pertaining to my educational records including, but not limited to, academic, achievement, attendance, athletic, personal history, and disciplinary records; employment records; and credit records. I hereby direct you to release such information upon request of the bearer. This release is executed with full knowledge and understanding that the information is for the official use of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Consent is granted for the FBI to furnish such information, as is described above, to third parties in the course of fulfilling its official responsibilities. I hereby release you, as the custodian of such records, and any school, college, university, or other educational institution, credit bureau of consumer reporting agency, including its officers, employees, or related personnel, but individually and collectively, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind, which may at any time result to me, my heirs, family or associates because of compliance with this authorization and request to release information, or any attempt to comply with it. Should there be any questions as to the validity of this release, you may contact me as indicated below:

Full Name: _____

Midge Decter Podhoretz
Signature

Full Name: _____

Midge Decter Podhoretz
Type or Print Name

Parent/Guardian (if required): _____

Date: _____

Oct. 8, 1984

Current Address: _____

120 E. 81st St.

New York, N.Y. 10028

Telephone Numbers: Residence *212-861-0286* Office *212-759-7737*

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TO: OCIS Room 3050 TL 231
IIS Room 4166 TL 232
ELSUR Room 4997 TL 114
NCIC Room 7233 TL 243
Wanted & CCH Files
Attn: [redacted]

Date Searched 11-6-84

Neg. [redacted]
Initials [redacted]

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FROM: SPECIAL INQUIRY Room 5161 TL 233 Attn: Escobedo
SUBJECT: Midge Decter Podhoretz, SPIN, BUDED: 11-20-84.

The Bureau has been requested to conduct an expedite investigation of the above-captioned subject, who is being considered for an unspecified Presidential appointment. The indicated unit is requested to check appropriate indices based upon available information concerning subject, employment, and all close relatives. It is requested that the results of your checks, positive or negative, be indicated in the spaces provided below, and relayed to the Special Inquiry Unit (SPIN), Room 5161, TL 233, via routing slip marked "Urgent", on or before Buded.

Subject is described as follows:

Result

Name: Midge Decter Podhoretz aka: Midge Decter Mariavie
DOB: 7-25-27
POB: St. Paul Minn.
SSAN: 476-24-6240
Current residence: 120 E. 81st
NY, NY
Employment: Committee for the Free World
NY, NY

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Close Relatives:

Result	Relationship	Name	DOB	Residence
		[redacted]		
	father	Harry Rosenthal	3/1896	St. Paul Minn.
	ex-spouse	Moshe Decter	10-14-21	unknown
	Sister	Sheva Rosenthal (Bernstein)	1-18-21	W.DC
	Sister	Constance Rosenthal (Field)	11-27-24	Minn.
		[redacted]		
	mother	Rose (Calmenson) Rosenthal	3/1894	deceased

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Subject is described as follows:

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Result
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NR

Name: Midge Decter Podhoretz *nw: Rosenthal*
DOB: 7-25-27
POB: St Paul Minn.
SSAN: 476-24-6240
Current residence: 120 E 87th
NY, NY
Employment: Committee for the Free World
NY, NY

[redacted]

Close Relatives:

Result	Relationship	Name	DOB	Residence
<u>NR</u>		[redacted]		
<u>NR</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Harry Rosenthal</u>	<u>3-1896</u>	<u>St. Paul Minn.</u>
<u>NR</u>	<u>ex-spouse</u>	<u>Moshe Decter</u>	<u>10-14-21</u>	<u>unknown</u>
<u>NR</u>	<u>Sister</u>	<u>Sheva Rosenthal Bernstein</u>	<u>1-18-21</u>	<u>W.DC</u>
<u>NR</u>	<u>Sister</u>	<u>Constance Rosenthal Field</u>	<u>11-27-24</u>	<u>Minn.</u>
<u>NR</u>		[redacted]		
<u>NR</u>	<u>Mother</u>	<u>Rose Calmenson Rosenthal</u>	<u>3-1894</u>	<u>deceased</u>

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DOB: 7-25-27
POB: St. Paul Minn.
SSAN: 476-24-6240
Current residence: 120 E 81st
NY, NY
Employment: Committee for the Free World
NY, NY

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Result	Relationship	Name	DOB	Residence
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	ex-spouse	Moshe Decter	10-14-21	unknown
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	Sister	Constance Rosenthal Field	11-27-24	Minn.
		[redacted]		
	Mother	Rose Calmenson Rosenthal	3/1894	deceased

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Subject is described as follows:

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Name: Midge Dexter Podhoretz *aka: Midge Dexter*
 DOB: 7-25-27
 POB: St Paul Minn.
 SSAN: 476-24-6240
 Current residence: 120 E 81st
 Employment: Committee for the free world
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<u>neg</u>	Father	Harry Rosenthal	3-1896	St. Paul Minn.
<u>neg</u>	ex-spouse	Moshe Dexter	10-14-21	unknown
<u>neg</u>	Sister	Sheva Rosenthal Bernstein	1-18-21	W.DC
<u>neg</u>	Sister	Constance Rosenthal field	11-27-24	Minn.

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neg mother Rose Carmenson Rosenthal 3-1894 deceased

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TO DIRECTOR (PRIORITY)

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ATTN: SSA [REDACTED] ROOM 4228

MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE: ROSENTHAL, AKA MIDGE DECTER, MARJORIE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: NOVEMBER 20, 1984 (B)

(PAST).

REBUTEL TO SAN FRANCISCO, DECEMBER 10, 1984; RUC REPORTS
OF SA [REDACTED] DECEMBER 12, 1984, AND DECEMBER 14, 1984.

RE REPORTS INCLUDED INTERVIEWS OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN THE DECEMBER 12, 1984 REPORT, AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN THE DECEMBER 14, 1984 REPORT. ALL THE ABOVE ASSOCIATES
COMMENTED FAVORABLY CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE. IN ADDITION, KNOWN
OF THE ASSOCIATES INTERVIEWED HAD INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THE
APPOINTEE HAD EVER USED DRUGS, OR USED ALCOHOL TO EXCESS.

UACB, THIS MATTER IS BEING RUC'D BY SAN FRANCISCO.

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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, AKA: MIDGE DECTER, MARJORIE,

[REDACTED] NEE: ROSENTHAL, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED:

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BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION OF
PODHORETZ FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT, POSITION NOT INDICATED,
BUT REQUIRES SENATE CONFIRMATION.

APPOINTEE INDICATES DAUGHTER, [REDACTED], DOB

[REDACTED] POB [REDACTED], CURRENTLY RESIDES [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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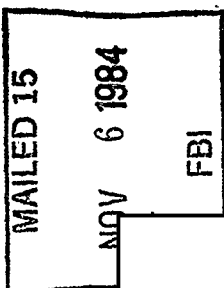
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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE: ROSENTHAL
AKA: MIDGE DECTER, MARJORIE, [REDACTED]
SPECIAL INQUIRY
BUDED: 11/20/84 (B)

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with request for investigation.

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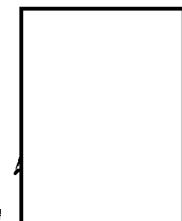


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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE: ROSENTHAL, AKA: MIDGE DECTER,
MARJORIE, [REDACTED], SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED:11/20/84
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REBUTELS TO ALL OFFICES DATED 9/7/82.

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION
OF PODHORETZ FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT, POSITION NOT
INDICATED. ALL OFFICES CHECK INDICES AND ELSUR FILES BASED UPON
AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING APPOINTEE AND ALL CLOSE
RELATIVES.

NEW YORK AND MINNEAPOLIS, IF UTILIZING MAJOR CASE INFORMA-
TION SYSTEM OR ISIS AND ARE OFFICE OF ORIGIN ON THOSE CASES
SHOULD ALSO CHECK THOSE DATA BASES. PROMPTLY SUTEL ALL RESULTS
{POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE} BY TELETYPE SUMMARY AND FOLLOW WITH

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18 SHOULD NOT RUC UPON COMPLETION OF THE ABOVE RECORD CHECKS AS
ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION IS FORTHCOMING.

16 NEW YORK AND MINNEAPOLIS ARE ALSO INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT THE
U. S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICES WHEREVER APPOINTEE HAS LIVED OR WORKED
14 AS AN ADULT TO DETERMINE IF ANY INFORMATION INDICATING FEDERAL
PROSECUTIVE ACTION CONCERNING PODHORETZ.

12 PODHORETZ IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BY COMMITTEE FOR THE FREE
WORLD, IS DESCRIBED AS BORN JULY 25, 1927, IN ST. PAUL,
10 MINNESOTA; RESIDES AT 120 E. 81ST STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK;
AND HAS SSAN 476-24-6240.

8 RELATIVES: SPOUSE, [REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], RESIDES WITH APPOINTEE; FATHER, HARRY
6 ROSENTHAL, BORN MARCH 13, 1896, IN POLAND, RESIDES 515 LEXING-
TON PARKWAY, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA; EX-SPOUSE, MOSHE DECTER, BORN
4 OCTOBER 14, 1921, IN TARENTUM, PENNSYLVANIA, RESIDENCE UNKNOWN;
SISTER, SHEVA ROSENTHAL BERNSTEIN, BORN JANUARY 18, 1921, IN
2 ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, RESIDES 4201 CATHEDRAL AVENUE, WASHINGTON,
D. C.; SISTER, CONSTANCE ROSENTHAL FIELD, BORN NOVEMBER 27,

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1924, IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, RESIDES 1860 EAGLE RIDGE DRIVE,

MENDOTA HEIGHTS, MINNESOTA; DAUGHTER, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]; DAUGHTER, [REDACTED] BORN

[REDACTED]; SON, [REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] NEGATIVE REGARDING APPOINTEE, CLOSE RELATIVES, AND PRESENT
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A REVIEW OF THE CINCINNATI OFFICE GENERAL INDICES

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ASSISTANT [REDACTED]

BY CONFIDENTIAL CLERK [REDACTED] ON NOVEMBER 6, 1984,

BASED UPON INFORMATION FURNISHED CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE

AND CLOSE RELATIVES IN REFERENCED TELETYPE, MET WITH

NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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SEARCH OF COLUMBIA INDICES AND ELSUR FILES REVEAL NO RECORD
REGARDING APPOINTEE OR HER LISTED RELATIVES. COLUMBIA ELSUR INDICES
SEARCHED NOV. 7, 1984, BY [REDACTED]

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A SEARCH OF THE PITTSBURGH INDICES AND ELSUR FILES FAILED TO
LOCATE ANY INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE APPOINTEE OR ANY MEMBER
OF HER IMMEDIATE FAMILY.

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MARJORIE, [REDACTED] SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED:
NOVEMBER 20, 1984, WITHOUT FAIL. (B).

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DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1984.

A CHECK OF THE SALT LAKE CITY GENERAL AND ELSUR INDICES
REFLECTED NOTHING IDENTIFIABLE WITH APPOINTEE, CLOSE
RELATIVES OR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS.

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ELSUR, [REDACTED] AND GENERAL INDICES CHECKED WITHIN THE
MEMPHIS DIVISION RE APPOINTEE AND CLOSE RELATIVES WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FBI OFFICES NOVEMBER 6, 1984.

ON NOVEMBER 6, 1984, BUTTE GENERAL OFFICE INDICES AND
OFFICE ELSUR INDICES WERE REVIEWED BY CLERK [REDACTED] AND
CLERK [REDACTED] RESPECTIVELY. NO RECORD WAS FOUND
IDENTIFIABLE WITH APPOINTEE OR IMMEDIATE FAMILY.

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ON NOVEMBER 6, 1984, SUPPORT EMPLOYEE [REDACTED]

REVIEWED NORFOLK INDICES AND FOUND THEM NEGATIVE RE APPOINTEE
AND ALL LISTED MEMBERS OF HER FAMILY.

ON NOVEMBER 6, 1984, SUPPORT EMPLOYEE [REDACTED]

REVIEWED NORFOLK SECURITY AND [REDACTED] AND FOUND THEM
NEGATIVE RE APPOINTEE AND ALL LISTED MEMBERS OF HER FAMILY.

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ON NOVEMBER 7, 1984, SUPPORT EMPLOYEE [REDACTED]

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APPOINTEE AND ALL LISTED MEMBERS OF HER FAMILY.

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ON NOVEMBER 8, 1984, THE GENERAL OFFICE INDICES AND THE ELG
INDICES OF THE BOSTON DIVISION WERE SEARCHED BY IA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS REGARDING IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION
REGARDING APPOINTEE AND HER CLOSE RELATIVES BASED ON INFORMATION
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ON NOVEMBER 6, 1984, THE ALBUQUERQUE GENERAL AND ELSUR INDICES WERE CHECKED FOR APPOINTEE AND HER RELATIVES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS BY THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT PERSONNEL:

FILE CLERK [REDACTED], GENERAL INDICES;

FILE ASSISTANT [REDACTED], ELSUR INDICES.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FBI FIELD OFFICES, 11/6/84.

BASED UPON AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING APPOINTEE, MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, AND ALL CLOSE RELATIVES, THE GENERAL INDICES OF THE LOUISVILLE OFFICE WERE SEARCHED ON 11/6/84, AND THE ELSUR INDICES WERE SEARCHED ON 11/8/84, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

THE LOUISVILLE GENERAL INDICES WERE SEARCHED BY RECORDS UNIT CLERK [REDACTED], AND THE ELSUR INDICES WERE SEARCHED BY

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CHARLOTTE OFFICE INDICES WERE SEARCHED BY SECURITY AND
COMPLAINT ASSISTANT [REDACTED] ELSUR FILES WERE SEARCHED BY
FILE ASSISTANT [REDACTED] ALL WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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MARJORIE, [REDACTED], SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED:

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES, 11/6/84.

SAVANNAH OFFICE INDICES AND ELSUR INDICES ARE NEGATIVE
REGARDING APPOINTEE, RELATIVES AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT
AS LISTED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

OFFICE INDICES SEARCHED BY FILE CLERK [REDACTED]

AND FILE ASSISTANT [REDACTED] ON 11/6/84.

ELSUR INDICES SEARCHED BY FILE ASSISTANT (TYPIST)

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JACKSON GENERAL INDICES CHECKED BY [REDACTED], ELSUR BY

[REDACTED] INFORMANT INDICES BY [REDACTED] AND ALL NEGATIVE
RE APPOINTEE AND ALL CLOSE RELATIVES. JACKSON DOES NOT HAVE ISIS.

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SEARCH OF GENERAL AND ELSUR INDICES OF THE OMAHA DIVISION
NEGATIVE RE APPOINTEE AND CLOSE RELATIVES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
HARRY ROSENTHAL, FILE 100-5444. GENERAL INDICES SEARCHED BY

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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE, ROSENTHAL, AKA, MIDGE

DECTER, MARJORIE, [REDACTED]; SPECIAL INQUIRY;

BUDED: NOVEMBER 20, 1984 WITHOUT FAIL

RE BUREAU TEL TO ALL OFFICES, DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1984.

ON NOVEMBER 7, 1984, THE OFFICE AND ELSUR INDICES OF THE
PHOENIX OFFICE WERE SEARCHED BY [REDACTED] AND

[REDACTED], AND NO RECORDS WERE LOCATED ON THE APPLICANT
AND APPLICANT'S RELATIVES.

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APPOINTEE AND FAMILY MEMBERS.

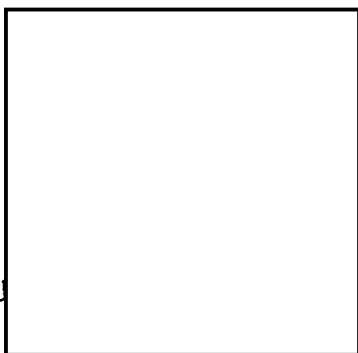
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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE ROSENTHAL, AKA MIDGE

DECTER, MARJORIE, [REDACTED]; SPECIAL

INQUIRY; BUDED: NOVEMBER 20, 1984, WITHOUT FAIL

REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FIELD OFFICES
DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1984.

ON THE DATES INDICATED, THE FOLLOWING RECORDS
OF THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION WERE SEARCHED BY THE NAMED
FBI PERSONNEL. NO RECORD WAS LOCATED IDENTIFIABLE
WITH THE APPOINTEE OR THE APPOINTEE'S LISTED ADULT
RELATIVES, EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS:

ELSUR RECORDS CHECKED ON NOVEMBER 7, 1984, BY

SUPPORT PERSON [REDACTED]

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PERSON [REDACTED] REFLECTED THAT LA FILE

[REDACTED], BUFILE [REDACTED], NY FILE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DATED JUNE 27, 1963,

MADE REFERENCE TO MOSHE DECTER, EX-SPOUSE OF THE
PPOINTEE (DIVORCED IN 1955).

LOS ANGELES INDICES CONTAINED NO INFORMATION
IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE APPOINTEE OR OTHER LISTED
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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FIELD OFFICES, DATED NOVEMBER
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ON NOVEMBER 7, 1984, GENERAL INDICES CHECKED BY CLERK

[REDACTED] AND ELSUR INDICES CHECKED BY [REDACTED]

WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS REGARDING APPOINTEE AND CLOSE RELATIVES.

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REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE TO NEW YORK, DATED NOV. 6, 1984.

APPOINTEE, DOB JULY 25, 1927, AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, LISTED
FORMER EMPLOYMENT AT HUDSON INSTITUTE, CROTON-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK,
AS EDITOR, SEPT., 1964 TO JAN., 1965. APPOINTEE LISTED AS
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ON NOV. 8, 1984, INVESTIGATION AT HUDSON INSTITUTE, QUAKER
RIDGE ROAD, CROTON-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK, DETERMINED HUDSON INSTITUTE
MOVED OCT. 1, 1984, TO NEW LOCATION IN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA,
TELEPHONE 317/632-1786.

INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION. WILL ATTEMPT TO VERIFY APPOINTEE'S
LISTED FORMER EMPLOYMENT.

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[REDACTED], SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED - NOVEMBER 20, 1984

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1984.

ON NOVEMBER 9, 1984, [REDACTED], RECORDS SUPERVISOR, UNITED
STATES OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT (USOPM), NACI CENTER, BOYERS,
PA, ADVISED THAT HIS RECORDS REFLECT AN INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED
ON CAPTIONED APPLICANT BY OPM. RESULTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION WILL
BE FORWARDED UPON RECEIPT.

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[REDACTED]; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: NOVEMBER 6, 1984, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES DATED NOVEMBER 20, 1984.

WHERE APPROPRIATE, PRIVACY ACT (E) (3) DATA WAS FURNISHED TO PERSONS INTERVIEWED. EXPRESS PROMISES OF CONFIDENTIALITY, BOTH LIMITED AND UNLIMITED, HAVE BEEN NOTED WHERE GRANTED.

ON NOVEMBER 8, 1984, THE ELSUR INDICES OF THE RICHMOND DIVISION, AS CHECKED BY MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS EXAMINER [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AS CHECKED BY CLERK [REDACTED], AND THE GENERAL INDICES, AS CHECKED BY CLERK [REDACTED], WERE NEGATIVE AS TO APPOINTEE AND ALL CLOSE RELATIVES.

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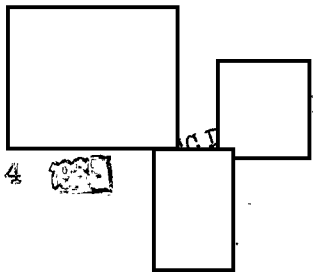
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[REDACTED]; SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: NOVEMBER 20, 1984,
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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES, DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1984.

THE LITTLE ROCK GENERAL AND ELSUR INDICES WERE NEGATIVE
REGARDING APPOINTEE AND CLOSE RELATIVES, AS SEARCHED BY

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FBI OFFICES, NOVEMBER 6, 1984

SEATTLE GENERAL AND ELSUR INDICES ARE NEGATIVE REGARDING
APPOINTEE AND RELATIVES.

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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE ROSENTHAL, AKA MIDGE DECTER, MARJORIE,

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES, NOVEMBER 6, 1984.

PORTLAND AND ELSUR INDICES WERE NEGATIVE REGARDING
APPOINTEE, CLOSE RELATIVES, AND CURRENT EMPLOYMENT AS
SEARCHED BY FILE CLERK [REDACTED] ON NOVEMBER 9, 1984.

SINCE THERE IS NO OTHER PORTLAND INVESTIGATION, NO
REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED.

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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE: ROSENTHAL, AKA: MIDGE DECTER,

MARJORIE, [REDACTED] SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED:

NOVEMBER 20, 1984 WITHOUT FAIL (B).

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FIELD OFFICES, DATED
NOVEMBER 6, 1984.

DETROIT INDICES CHECKS PERFORMED ON NOVEMBER 9, 1984,
BY CLERK [REDACTED] REGARDING APPOINTEE AND CLOSE
RELATIVES REVEALED NO RECORD.

ON NOVEMBER 9, 1984, DETROIT ELSUR AND ISIS CHECKS
PERFORMED BY CLERICAL EMPLOYEE [REDACTED] WIRTH REVEALED
NO RECORD REGARDING APPOINTEE AND CLOSE RELATIVES.

DETROIT [REDACTED] CHECKS PERFORMED ON
NOVEMBER 9, 1984, BY CLERK [REDACTED] REGARDING

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APPOINTEE AND CLOSE RELATIVES REVEALED NO RECORD.

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MIDGE DECTOR PODHORETZ, AKA SPECIAL INQUIRY.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO MIAMI DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1984.

ON NOVEMBER 13, 1984, THE FOLLOWING MIAMI OFFICE RECORDS WERE CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS REGARDING APPLICANT AND ALL CLOSE RELATIVES:

GENERAL OFFICE INDICES, WHICH WERE REVIEWED BY CLERK [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ARE NEGATIVE ON THE APPLICANT AND ALL RELATIVES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF [REDACTED].

MIAMI FILE 9A-3728 ENTITLED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - VICTIM, EXTORTION, OO: NEW YORK, NEW YORK FILE 9A-9113, REFLECTS THAT THE VICTIM HAD RECEIVED THREATENING LETTERS AS WELL AS OBSCENE PHONE CALLS.

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THIS CASE WAS RUC'D ON JUNE 8, 1984, AFTER COMPLETION OF ALL
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MIAMI WILL SEND ALL PERTINENT DOCUMENTS TO THE BUREAU VIA
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REFERENCE BUREAU AIRTEL TO NEW YORK, DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1984.

FOR INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF PODHORETZ FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT, POSITION NOT INDICATED, BUT REQUIRES SENATE CONFIRMATION.

BORN JULY 25, 1927, ST. PAUL MINNESOTA, AND HAS SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUMBER (SSAN) 476-24-6240.

APPOINTEE HAS LISTED SEVERAL EMPLOYMENTS IN NEW YORK (NY) AS EDITOR OF SEVERAL MAGAZINES. SHE FURTHER LISTED UNEMPLOYMENT FROM JUNE, 1970 UNTIL SEPTEMBER, 1971 AND JULY, 1973 UNTIL NOVEMBER, 1974.

ON NOVEMBER 13, 1984, APPOINTEE ADVISED THAT SHE IS KNOWN PROFESSIONALLY AS MIDGE DECTER AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING PERSONS AS ASSOCIATES:

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PROFESSOR [REDACTED] COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL THOUGHT, UNIVERSITY
OF CHICAGO, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60637; TELEPHONE NUMBER (312)
753-4121.

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[REDACTED] SHAVANO INSTITUTE, 7800
EAST ORCHARD ROAD, SUITE 320, ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO 80111; TELEPHONE
NUMBER (303) 279-6536.

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[REDACTED] SCAIFE FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST, POST OFFICE BOX
268, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15230; TELEPHONE NUMBER (412)
392-2900.

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[REDACTED] UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LA JOLLA,

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CALIFORNIA 92093.

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SF PROFESSOR [REDACTED], DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE,
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA 94720; TELEPHONE
NUMBER (415) 642-4633.

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SF7 DR. [REDACTED] THE HOOVER INSTITUTION, STANFORD,
CALIFORNIA 94305; TELEPHONE NUMBER (415) 497-3303.

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SF7 [REDACTED], THE HOOVER INSTITUTION, STANFORD, CALIFORNIA
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[REDACTED] LA FORCE, GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT,
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90024; TELEPHONE
NUMBER (213) 325-7982.

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[REDACTED]; THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, 1025 CONNECTICUT
AVENUE, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036; TELEPHONE NUMBER (202)
362-9225.

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[REDACTED], THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION, 214 MASSACHUSETTS
AVENUE, N.E., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20003; TELEPHONE NUMBER (202)
546-4400.

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DR. [REDACTED] ETHICS AND PUBLIC POLICY CENTER, 1030 15TH
STREET, N.W., SUITE 300, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005; TELEPHONE NUMBER

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PROFESSOR [REDACTED], NSIC, 1730 RHODE ISLAND AVENUE, N.W.,
SUITE 601, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036; TELEPHONE NUMBER (202) 429-0129.

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[REDACTED], NEH, OLD P-O. BUILDING, 1100 PENNSYLVANIA
AVENUE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506; TELEPHONE NUMBER (202) 786-0310.

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[REDACTED], THE WHITE HOUSE, ROOM 197, WASHINGTON, D.C.
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[REDACTED], MORRISON AND FOERSTER, 1920 N STREET, N.W.,
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INVESTIGATION SHOULD RECEIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION AND RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD TELEPHONICALLY ADVISE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION HEADQUARTERS (FBIHQ) OF ANY DEROGATORY INFORMATION DEVELOPED AND CONFIRMED BY TELETYPE.

DURING INTERVIEW OF ASSOCIATES, RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD ATTEMPT TO VERIFY PERIODS OF EMPLOYMENT FROM JUNE, 1970-SEPTEMBER, 1971 AND JULY, 1973-NOVEMBER, 1974 WHEN APPOINTEE WAS WRITING A BOOK AT HER RESIDENCE, 924 WEST END AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY (NYC).

RECEIVING OFFICES ARE TO CONTACT ABOVE ASSOCIATES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DIVISIONS AND SUBMIT REPORT OF RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION.

DUE TO THE URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED BE MET WITHOUT FAIL.

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TITLE OF CASE MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, nee ROSENTHAL, aka Midge Decter, Margorie, [redacted]	Report Made By [redacted]	Typed By [redacted]
CHARACTER OF CASE SPIN		

REFERENCE

Bureau tel to New York, dated 11/6/84.

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It is to be noted all individuals interviewed were apprised of the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, and any individual desiring confidentiality is so noted.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED [] NONE					ACQUIT-	CASE HAS BEEN:	
CONVIC.	PRETRIAL	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES	TALS	Pending over 1 year
	DIVERSION						[] yes [] no
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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will conduct remaining investigation
regarding instant matter.

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Field Office File #: 161-9474

Bureau File #: 116-18262 -

Title: MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Appointee's employment not verified due to firm's
re-location. Appointee's reference interviewed and
recommends. Credit and arrest checks regarding appointee negative.

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DETAILS:

Employment

HUDSON INSTITUTE
Quaker Ridge Road
Croton-on-Hudson, New York

On November 6, 1984, investigation at Croton-on-Hudson determined HUDSON INSTITUTE moved to Indianapolis, Indiana on October 1, 1984 and all records of former employees are located there.

Reference

On November 7, 1984, [redacted] advised he knows the appointee. He explained he initially met the appointee back in the early 1950's through his [redacted] association with the appointee's husband, [redacted]. He explained they have been good friends since that time and he had nothing but complimentary things to say about the appointee. He explained she has been an intelligent, impressive woman down through the years. He noted she comes across as an impressive individual from every vantage point. He noted he has been with her in numerous social settings down through the years and has never witnessed any behavior which was less than mature or professional at all times. He stated he was not aware of any alcohol or drug usage by DECTER. He felt she is a steady poised individual. He noted she has had vast experience as an editor in magazine periodicals and feels she has done a fine job in that capacity. He was not aware of any information whatsoever concerning her background which might be termed unsatisfactory, and based on past observations would give her a high character recommendation.

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Credit

On November 9, 1984, a review of records as the YONKERS CREDIT BUREAU, Yonkers, New York, revealed no derogatory information regarding MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, nee ROSENTHAL.

Arrest

On November 9, 1984, a review of records at the CROTON-ON-HUDSON POLICE DEPARTMENT, Croton-on-Hudson, New York, revealed no file identifiable for MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, nee ROSENTHAL.

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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE ROSENTHAL, AKA MIDGE DECTER, MARJORIE,

[REDACTED], SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: NOVEMBER 20, 1984,

WITHOUT FAIL.

REBUTEL TO ALL OFFICES DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1984.

THE NAMES OF THE APPOINTEE AND CLOSE RELATIVES HAVE BEEN
SEARCHED BY THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS:

ELSUR INDICES, [REDACTED]

ISIS INDICES, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INDICES, [REDACTED]

A SEARCH OF THE GENERAL INDICES BY IA [REDACTED]

REVEALED NO IDENTIFIABLE RECORD FOR APPOINTEE OR CLOSE RELATIVES.

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MIDGE DECTER POD HORETZ, NEE ROSENTHAL, AKA MIDGE DECTER, MARJORIE,

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ON NOVEMBER 7, 1984, A REVIEW OF THE GENERAL INDICES BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], APPLICANT CLERK, AND ON NOVEMBER 9, 1984, ELSUR INDICES BY

[REDACTED] ELSUR CLERK, WAS NEGATIVE CONCERNING APPOINTEE

OR HER LISTED RELATIVES.

INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETED IN THE TAMPA DIVISION AND NO REPORT IS BEING SUBMITTED.

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MARJORIE, [REDACTED]; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED 11/22/84.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES, DATED 11/6/84.

NO RECORD OR IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION LOCATED REGARDING
APPOINTEE AND APPOINTEE'S CLOSE RELATIVES, AS LISTED ON REFERENCED
TELETYPE, IN DALLAS OFFICE INDICES OR ELSUR FILES.

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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE: ROSENTHAL, AKA: MIDGE DECTER,

MARJORIE, [REDACTED] SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED:

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FIELD OFFICES, NOVEMBER 6, 1984.

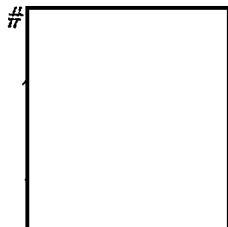
ON NOVEMBER 6, 1984, SPC, [REDACTED] OKLAHOMA CITY,
DIVISION, CHECKED GENERAL INDICES FOR APPOINTEE AND CLOSE
RELATIVES: FILE CLERK [REDACTED] REVIEWED CONFIDENTIAL

INDICES FOR APPOINTEE AND CLOSE RELATIVES ON NOVEMBER 8, 1984;

[REDACTED], CONFIDENTIAL TYPIST, SEARCHED THE ELSUR FILES ON
NOVEMBER 10, 1984, FOR APPOINTEE AND CLOSE RELATIVES: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ISIS, MADE ISIS NAME CHECK FOR APPOINTEE AND CLOSE
RELATIVES ON NOVEMBER 9, 1984. ALL FILES CHECKED NEGATIVE. APR 30 1985

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SPECIAL INQUIRY
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REFERENCED BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FBI FIELD OFFICES, DATED
NOVEMBER 6, 1984.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUEST CONTAINED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE
THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED:

INDICES SEARCHED 11/9/84, BY CLERK
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ELSUR SEARCHED 11/9/84, BY CLERK
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NO IDENTIFIABLE RECORD OBTAINED.

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MIDGE DECTER, PODHORETZ, NEE ROSENTHAL, AKA, MIDGE DECTER, MAJORIE,

[REDACTED] SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: NOVEMBER 20, 1984.

RE NEW YORK TEL TO BUREAU DATED NOVEMBER 14, 1984.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF NEW YORK, ALL APPLICANT TYPE INVESTIGATIONS IN MONTGOMERY AND PRINCE GEORGES COUNTIES, MARYLAND, ARE HANDLED BY WFO.

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REBUTEL, DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1984.

ON NOVEMBER 6, 1984, INDICES AND ELSUR INDICES OF THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE WERE CHECKED BY CLERKS [REDACTED] AND

[REDACTED] AND NO INFORMATION WAS FOUND IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE APPOINTEE AND LISTED RELATIVES.

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MARJORIE, [REDACTED] SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED:

NOVEMBER 20, 1984 WITHOUT FAIL. (B)

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1984.

GENERAL OFFICE AND ELSUR INDICES CONTAIN NO IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION REGARDING APPLICANT OR THOSE IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS LISTED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

IN ADDITION, GENERAL OFFICE AND ELSUR INDICES NEGATIVE REGARDING APPLICANT'S EMPLOYMENT FIRM.

GENERAL OFFICE INDICES SEARCH CONDUCTED ON NOVEMBER 7, 1984 BY FILE CLERK [REDACTED]

ELSUR IICES SEARCH CONDUCTED ON NOVEMBER 13, 1984 BY FILE

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ON THE DATES INDICATED, THE FOLLOWING KNOXVILLE INDICES
WERE CHECKED AND NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THE APPLICANT OR
LISTED RELATIVES WAS LOCATED:

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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE ROSENTHAL, AKA, MIDGE DECTER, MARJORIE,

[REDACTED] SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: NOVEMBER 20, 1984,
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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES, NOVEMBER 6, 1984.

ON NOVEMBER 14, 1984, THE HOUSTON DIVISION GENERAL INDICES
WERE CHECKED BY INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANT [REDACTED] THE
CONFIDENTIAL FILES WERE REVIEWED BY CONFIDENTIAL FILE CLERK [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND THE ELSUR FILES WERE CHECKED BY ASSISTANT ELSUR
COORDINATOR [REDACTED] AND FOUND TO CONTAIN NO INFORMATION
IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE APPOINTEE, MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, HER CLOSE
RELATIVES, OR HER PRESENT BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT.

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[REDACTED], SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: NOV. 20, 1984, WITH

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FIELD OFFICES, NOV. 6, 1984.

BH EL SUR AND GENERAL FILES OF THE FBI, BH DIV., CONTAIN NO
INFO. IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE APPOINTEE OR CLOSE RELATIVES.

BH EL SUR AND GENERAL INDICES SEARCHED BY IA [REDACTED]

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MARJORIE, [REDACTED], SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: NOV. 50,
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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FIELD OFFICES, NOV. 6, 1984.

ON NOV. 6, 1984, [REDACTED], FILE CLERK,
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION, SEARCHED OFFICE INDICES AND ADVISED NO
IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

ON NOV. 8, 1984, [REDACTED] FILE ASSISTANT,
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION, SEARCHED CONFIDENTIAL INDICES AND ADVISED
NO IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

ON NOV. 15, 1984, [REDACTED] STAFFING ASSISTANT,
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION, SEARCHED ELSUR FILES AND ADVISED NO
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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE: ROSENTHAL, AKA; MIDGE

DECTER, MARJORIE, [REDACTED] SPECIAL INQUIRY,

BUDED: NOVEMBER 20, 1984 WITHOUT FAIL (B).

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1984.

CHICAGO'S GENERAL INDICES DISCLOSED A [REDACTED]

MAIN FILE ON MOSHE DECTER FROM JUNE OF 1962. A REVIEW

OF FILE DISCLOSED NEW YORK TO BE OO, NEW YORK FILE

[REDACTED], BUREAU FILE NUMBER [REDACTED]. ALL

INFORMATION AT CHICAGO IS CONTAINED IN NEW YORK FILE.

CHICAGO IS NOT PROVIDING COMMUNICATIONS IN RE FILE
TO AVOID DUPLICATING SUBMISSION OF SAME BY NEW YORK.

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NO OTHER IDENTIFIABLE INFO WAS LOCATED CONCERNING
APPLICANT OR CLOSE RELATIVE OF APPLICANT.

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[REDACTED], SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: NOVEMBER 20, 1984,
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ON NOVEMBER 14, 1984, SEARCH OF ST. LOUIS DIVISION GENERAL
INDICES BY MAIL AND FILE CLERK [REDACTED] AND ELSUR INDEX
BY FILE ASSISTANT [REDACTED] WERE NEGATIVE ON MIDGE DECTER
PODHOERETZ, NEE: ROSENTHAL, AKA: MIDGE DECTER, MARJORIE, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] BORN JULY 25, 1927, AND HER CLOSE RELATIVES MENTIONED IN
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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE ROSENTHAL, AKA; SPINLER;

BUDED NOVEMBER 20, 1984

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NO REFERENCE FOUND REGARDING APPOINTEE AND LISTED CLOSE RELATIVES EXCEPT AS NOTED BELOW. THE FOLLOWING MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION INDICES WERE CHECKED ON NOVEMBER 14, 1984, BY THE INDICATED MINNEAPOLIS EMPLOYEES:

GENERAL INDICES [REDACTED];

CONFIDENTIAL INDICES [REDACTED]; AND,

ELSUR INDICES [REDACTED]

MINNEAPOLIS GENERAL INDICES CONTAIN A REFERENCE TO ONE

MARJORIE ROSENTHAL AND MOSHE DECTER, MPFILE [REDACTED] (NOVEMBER,

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WILL BE SET FORTH IN MINNEAPOLIS REPORT ON APPOINTEE.

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REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE, DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1984.

ON NOVEMBER 7, 1984, A REVIEW OF THE JACKSONVILLE GENERAL
INDICES, CONFIDENTIAL INDICES AND ELSUR INDICES FAILED TO
REVEAL ANY INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH APPOINTEE, CLOSE
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

JACKSONVILLE INDICES CHECKS CONDUCTED BY IA [REDACTED]

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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE ROSENTHAL, AKA MIDGE DECTER, MARJORIE,

[REDACTED], SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: NOV. 20, 1984, General Applicant & Spin Room
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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES, DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1984.

ON NOV. 6, 1984, FILE CLERK [REDACTED] CHECKED THE ELSUR

INDICES OF THE MILWAUKEE OFFICE AND ON NOV. 14, 1984, IA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CHECKED THE GENERAL INDICES WITHOUT LOCATING ANY INFORMATION

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It is to be noted all individuals interviewed were advised of the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, and any individual desiring confidentiality is so noted.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED [] NONE					ACQUIT-	CASE HAS BEEN:
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Bureau File #: *101-18202-*

Title: MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Employment verified. Current residence verified.
References recommend. Arrest check negative. Newspaper
Morgue negative.

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DETAILS:

Employments

COMMITTEE FOR THE FREE WORLD
211 East 51st Street
New York City, New York

On November 15, 1984, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised that he is an executive committee member of the COMMITTEE FOR THE FREE WORLD and has been on this committee since its formation in 1980. He advised that he has known the appointee for 35 years and stated that she has performed in a splendid manner as executive director of this committee. He described her as a very fine writer with a fantastic mind. He advised that the appointee had worked for him in the late 1940's and early 1950's when he was an assistant editor at Commentary Magazine. He stated that she had been a secretary and had written an article anonymously, which article was accepted by the magazine and she eventually became a writer. He stated that over the years he has known her and has never heard any derogatory information concerning her nor does he have any reason to believe she ever abused drugs or alcohol. He stated that she is a loyal American and just a fantastic person. He advised that he considered her to be a person of great administrative ability and a person who deals very well with other people. He advised that when the appointee was not specifically employed, he recalled that she has done many free lance odd jobs in the editorial field and also has written several books. He stated he would highly recommend her for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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On November 15, 1984, [REDACTED] [REDACTED], who was also listed by the appointee as a reference, advised that he has known the appointee for 18 years and that he is currently the secretary for the COMMITTEE FOR THE FREE WORLD. He described the appointee as a competent, brilliant, kind, warm, generous and honest woman who he also said was a great American. He advised that he has never heard any derogatory information concerning the appointee and stated that she is of the highest moral character and integrity. He advised that he felt she had an ability to deal with other people and was a woman who was her own person. He had no reason to doubt her loyalty to the United States Government and would highly recommend her for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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On November 15, 1984, [redacted]
[redacted] who was also listed as a reference by the appointee, advised that he is a member of the COMMITTEE FOR THE FREE WORLD. He advised that he has known the appointee for 12 years on a social and professional level and described her as a forthright, energetic and tremendous person. He advised that she is a very good organizer and expresses her ideas very clearly. He stated he has never heard anything derogatory concerning the appointee and considers her to be a highly loyal American. He characterized her administrative ability as being above average and stated that she gets along with people very well. He advised that he would highly recommend her for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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BASIC BOOKS
10 East 53rd Street
New York City, New York

On November 15, 1984, [redacted] Managing Editor, BASIC BOOKS, advised that the appointee worked as a senior editor at BASIC BOOKS from November, 1974 until June, 1980. He advised that this company is a publishing company and the appointee was responsible for selecting books to be published by this company and that she did an excellent job in this capacity. He described her as a wonderful, terrific, and warm person who was very conscientious and very smart. He stated he had never heard any derogatory information concerning her administrative and creative ability, which were just fantastic. He advised that he considered her to be a loyal American and would highly recommend her for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government. He advised that there was no one else presently working at BASIC BOOKS who would have known the appointee.

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COLUMBIA RECORDS
52nd Street and 6th Avenue
New York City, New York

On November 15, 1984, [redacted] Personnel Section, COLUMBIA RECORDS, advised that a check of records reflected the appointee worked as the editor of special projects from February 7, 1966 until August 25, 1967. She stated that due to the time lapse since the appointee's employment, no further information was available nor was she able to advise of any one who might have worked with the appointee during that time period.

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MIDSTREAM MAGAZINE
250 West 57th Street
New York City, New York

On November 15, 1984, [REDACTED], Managing Editor, Midstream Magazine, advised that this magazine does not have any personnel records going back to 1956 to 1957. He further stated that there was no one presently working for Midstream who would have worked at Midstream during those years.

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COMMENTARY MAGAZINE
33 West 32nd Street
New York City, New York

On November 15, 1984, [REDACTED], Personnel Department, Commentary Magazine, advised that a check of records reflected that the appointee worked for Commentary Magazine in the beginning of 1950 and during the Fall of 1950 took maternity leave. She returned during 1954 and worked as a secretary and editorial assistant until April of 1956. She advised that during that time the appointee worked as an editorial assistant to several editors, none of whom currently are associated with the magazine.

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MAYS DEPARTMENT STORE
Union Turnpike
Glen Oaks, New York

On November 14, 1984, [REDACTED] Personnel Department, MAYS DEPARTMENT STORE, Glen Oaks, New York, advised that this store does not maintain any employment records prior to 1960.

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INALAND METALS COMPANY
250 West 57th Street
New York City, New York

A check of the current telephone directory for New York City failed to reflect a listing for INALAND METALS COMPANY, which appointee advised she had worked for sometime between 1937 and 1950.

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DR. [REDACTED]
ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL
New York, New York

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On November 15, 1984, Dr. [REDACTED] Radiological Department, ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, advised that he remembered the appointee and stated that the appointee worked as a receptionist for him when he was in private practice, sometime between 1947 and 1950. He advised that she was an excellent worker and a terrific person. He stated he has not seen her for 15 to 20 years but knows by reputation that she has become a famous writer. He advised that he knew of no reason why she should not be considered for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

JEWISH RECONSTRUCTIONIST FOUNDATION
15 West 86th Street
New York City, New York

On November 15, 1984, [REDACTED] Bookkeeper, JEWISH RECONSTRUCTIONIST FOUNDATION, 15 West 86th Street, New York City, New York, advised that due to a fire in May of 1984, all employment records for this organization were destroyed.

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On November 15, 1984, Rabbi [REDACTED] advised that he was the executive director for this foundation and knew the appointee by reputation. He stated that she has written articles which appeared in the magazine of the JEWISH RECONSTRUCTIONIST FOUNDATION. He advised that Rabbi [REDACTED] was at this foundation during the 1940's and 1950's and might remember the appointee.

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On November 15, 1984, Rabbi [REDACTED] advised that he recalls the appointee working at the JEWISH RECONSTRUCTIONIST FOUNDATION sometime in the 1940's or early 1950's, and to the best of his knowledge stated her work was satisfactory. He advised that he also knows the appointee by reputation but stated that he has not had contact with her in many years.

Neighborhood

120 East 81st Street
New York, New York

On November 15, 1984, [REDACTED] MANAGEMENT COMPANY, Madison Avenue, New York, New York, advised that a check of records reflected the appointee resides in Apartment 7H at 120 East 81st Street, New York, New York. The records reflected that this apartment was purchased by the

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appointee and her husband, [] on February 8, 1979. The record reflected that the appointee paid her bills on a timely basis.

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On November 14, 1984, [] all [] advised that they were familiar with the appointee and her husband [] They advised that the appointee is a very nice woman who has never caused any problems in the building. No complaints have ever been lodged against her nor has she ever been observed apparently under the influence of drugs or alcohol. To the best of their knowledge, she is a loyal citizen of the United States Government and they all recommended her for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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References and Associates

[] all listed as references by the appointee, commented concerning the appointee under employment for COMMITTEE FOR THE FREE WORLD.

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On November 15, 1984, [] [] advised that she has known the appointee on a professional and social basis for the past 16 years. She characterized the appointee as a warm but firm person. She advised the appointee was a woman of conviction and had an amazing capacity to deal with other people on a personal level. She stated that she has never heard any derogatory information concerning the appointee and considers her to be a loyal American. She considered the appointee to be a person of high administrative ability and would highly recommend her for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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Records of the NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, Identification Section, as caused to be searched on November 13, 1984 by Special Clerk (SC) [] revealed no information identifiable with the appointee or her immediate relatives.

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Miscellaneous

On November 13, 1984, a check of the NEW YORK TIMES NEWSPAPER MORGUE by SC [] failed to reflect any derogatory information concerning the appointee.

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REPORTING OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 11/16/84	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/16/84
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REFERENCE: New York teletype to Bureau, dated November 14, 1984.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Where appropriate, Privacy Act (e)(3) data was furnished to persons interviewed. Express promises of confidentiality, both limited and unlimited, have been noted where granted.

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SAN FRANCISCO: AT BERKELEY, STANFORD, AND APTOS, CA. Will contact and interview associates of Appointee as set forth in referenced teletype.

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Title: MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ

Office: SAN FRANCISCO

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Bureau File #:

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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Associate of Appointee contacted in San Francisco, California on November 16, 1984, and highly recommended Appointee.

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DETAILS:

[REDACTED] The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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On November 16, 1984, [REDACTED] telephonically contacted SA [REDACTED] regarding the Appointee. [REDACTED] the director of the Institute for Contemporary Studies, 785 Market Street, stated that he has known the Appointee on a personal and friendship basis for approximately eight years. [REDACTED] described the Appointee as very trustworthy and went on to say that he would trust her with anything. He described her as the most loyal person that he knew and stated that she was absolutely unapproachable in the areas of honesty, integrity and character. He stated that he knew of nothing derogatory regarding the Appointee and that he would recommend her for a position of high security without any reservations whatsoever. He stated that the Appointee did not use narcotics and did not abuse alcohol.

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REPORTING OFFICE INDIANAPOLIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 11/16/84	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/14/84
TITLE OF CASE MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, nee ROSENTHAL, aka., Midge Decter, Marjorie, <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 150px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>		REPORT MADE BY SA <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 15px;"></div>	TYPED BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 50px; height: 20px;"></div>
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New York teletype to Bureau, 11/8/84.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

All individuals contacted were advised of the provisions of the Privacy Act and those requesting confidentiality have been so noted.

Indianapolis Division indices, elsur files, and confidential indices were searched and no identifiable information located regarding appointee or his relatives.

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Bureau File #: 161-18202 -

Title: MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Employment cannot be confirmed as personnel records do not date back to 1965. The current director vaguely remembers the applicant having been employed there in 1964-1965, but cannot confirm it.

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DETAILS:

EMPLOYMENT

Hudson Institute
Indiana University - Purdue University
at Indianapolis
Indianapolis, Indiana
September, 1964 - January, 1965

On November 14, 1984, [REDACTED], Personnel Director, Hudson Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana, advised that her personnel records do not date back to 1965, and therefore she cannot confirm the applicant's employment as an editor with Hudson Institute in 1964 and 1965. She does recall seeing applicant's name on various documents at Hudson Institute, and suspects the applicant is accurate in stating she was an editor at Hudson Institute in 1964 - 1965.

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Hudson Institute is a nonprofit research organization, engaged in studies concerning public policy actions. An editor at Hudson Institute would be involved in the review of data and various other activities.

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DEAN [REDACTED] DESCRIBED THE APPOINTEE AS A SUPERE PERSON, WHO IS HONEST, FORTHRIGHT, INTELLIGENT, VERY CAPABLE AND HIGHLY COMPETENT. NOTHING UNFAVORABLE OR DEROGATORY IS KNOWN ABOUT THE APPOINTEE. HE IS NOT AWARE OF ANY USE OF DRUGS OR ABUSE OF ALCOHOL ON THE PART OF THE APPOINTEE. SHE IS AN OUTSTANDING WOMAN OF UNQUESTIONABLE CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION, AND LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES.

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DEAN [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE WOULD GIVE HIS HIGHEST RECOMMENDATION TO DECTER FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT.

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INDIVIDUAL CONTACTED WAS APPRISED OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND DID NOT REQUEST CONFIDENTIALITY.

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MARJORIE, [REDACTED] SPIN, BUDED NOVEMBER 20, 1984 WOF.

RE BUREAU TEL TO ALL FBI OFFICES, NOVEMBER 6, 1984.

ON NOVEMBER 9, 1984, A SEARCH OF SPRINGFIELD GENERAL INDICES
AND ELSIR INDICES REGARDING APPOINTEE AND CLOSE RELATIVES NEGATIVE.

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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE: ROSENTHAL, AKA: MIDGE DECTER,

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ON NOVEMBER 14, 1984, THE INDICES AND ELSUR FILE OF THE ATLANTA DIVISION WERE SEARCHED AND FOUND TO CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE APPOINTEE OR CLOSE MEMBERS OF HER FAMILY BASED UPON AVAILABLE INFORMATION.

HOWEVER; DURING GENERAL INDICES SEARCH, APPOINTEE'S EX-SPOUSE, MOSHE DECTER, WAS FOUND TO HAVE ATLANTA CASE FILE [REDACTED] AND BUFILE [REDACTED] SERIALS PERTAINING TO THIS FILE WERE

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EL SUR SEARCHED BY CLERICAL EMPLOYEE (CE) [REDACTED]

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES, NOVEMBER 6, 1984.

THE FOLLOWING INDICES AND COMPUTER LIST OF THE MOBILE OFFICE WERE SEARCHED ON APPOINTEE AND ALL OF APPOINTEE'S RELATIVES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS, AS INDICATED BELOW:

OFFICE INDICES BY AOSM-R [REDACTED] ON NOVEMBER 6, 1984.

ELSUR INDICES BY FILE ASSISTANT [REDACTED] ON NOVEMBER 15, 1984.

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ALBANY INDICES NEGATIVE REGARDING APPOINTEE AND ALL CLOSE

GENERAL INDICES SEARCHED ON NOVEMBER 14, 1984, BY

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FILE ASSISTANT.

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[REDACTED]; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: NOVEMBER 20, 1984

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REBUTEL TO ALL FIELD OFFICES, NOVEMBER 6, 1984. NYO TELEPHONE
CALL TO BUREAU, DATED NOVEMBER 15, 1984.

ON NOVEMBER 9, 1984, SUPPORT EMPLOYEE [REDACTED] CONDUCTED A
SEARCH OF NEW YORK OFFICE INDICES ON APPOINTEE AND APPOINTEE'S
RELATIVES ALSO FILE REVIEW CONDUCTED BY SUPPORT EMPLOYEE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE FOLLOWING INDICES INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED:

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APPOINTEE MIDGE PODHORETZ CASE NYFILE 100-156985, THIS IS A CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS, DATED JANUARY 10, 1966 ENTITLED MIDGE PODHORETZ, AKA MIDGE ROSENTHAL, MARJORIE, [REDACTED] [REDACTED], MIDGE DECTER A CLEARANCE FOR ACCESS TO TOP SECRET MATERIAL IN CONNECTION WITH HER EMPLOYMENT AS EDITOR/MEMBER OF RESEARCH STAFF WITH HUDSON INSTITUTE, HARMON-ON HUDSON, NEW YORK. NO ACTIVE INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY NYO REGARDING THIS MATTER.

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APPOINTEE'S SPOUSE, [REDACTED], NY CASE FILE 9A-9113, BUFILE 9-66397, CASE ENTITLED [REDACTED] [REDACTED] EDITOR OF COMMENTARY MAGAZINE-VICTIM, EXTORTION, OO: NEW YORK," NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FILE. ALSO, THERE ARE FIVE IDENT SECURITY REFERENCES ON [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WHICH REFLECT HE IS EDITOR OF COMMENTARY MAGAZINE NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THESE REFERENCES.

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APPOINTEE'S FATHER, HARRY ROSENTHAL, NUMEROUS REFERENCES WERE REVIEWED NOTHING IDENTIFIABLE WAS LOCATED.

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APPOINTEE'S DAUGHTERS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REFLECT IDENT REFERENCE NY [REDACTED] PG 6, BUFILE

[REDACTED], NEW YORK REPORT, DATED DECEMBER 4, 1962, ENTITLED "MOSHE DECTER, [REDACTED] LISTS [REDACTED] AS DAUGHTERS OF MOSHE DECTER, NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION IN FILE.

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APPOINTEE'S MOTHER, ROSE ROSENTHAL, NUMEROUS REFERENCES WERE REVIEWED NOTHING IDENTIFIABLE WAS LOCATED. REFERENCED NY 100-3642-992 PG 15 IS UNAVAILABLE FOR REVIEW CHARGED TO [REDACTED] [REDACTED], FB IHQ.

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APPOINTEE'S FORMER SPOUSE, MOSHE DECTER, SUBJECT OF NY [REDACTED], BUFILE [REDACTED] REFLECTS APPOINTEE DIVORCED DECTER ON AUGUST 18, 1955, AT SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA FOR CRUEL AND INHUMAN TREATMENT. MOSHE DECTER, DIRECTOR OF JEWISH MINORITIES RESEARCH, WHICH IS A STRICTLY JEWISH GROUP, PART OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS WHOSE INTEREST LIES IN ASSISTING JEWISH MINORITIES IN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES. DECTER IS A SPECIALIST ON THE SUBJECT OF SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM, ALSO A CONSULTANT AND SPEAKER WHILE IN THIS POSITION CONTACTED VARIOUS COMMUNIST PARTIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

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NEW YORK OFFICE GENERAL INDICES SEARCH PROVED NEGATIVE ON APPOINTEE'S SISTERS SHEVA ROSENTHAL BERNSTEIN AND CONSTANCE ROSENTHAL FIELD; DAUGHTER, [REDACTED]

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ON NOVEMBER 13, 1984, SUPPORT EMPLOYEE [REDACTED] CAUSED A SEARCH OF ELSUR INDICES AND FILE REVIEW BY INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANT [REDACTED], THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED:

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NO RECORD WAS LOCATED ON APPOINTEE AND APPOINTEE'S RELATIVES EXCEPT FOR MOSHE DECTER AND HARRY ROSENTHAL. ONE REFERENCE WAS REVIEWED ON HARRY ROSENTHAL UNABLE TO IDENTIFY WITH APPOINTEE'S FATHER.

A RECORD WAS LOCATED ON MOSHE DECTER, NY [REDACTED] APPOINTEE'S EX-SPOUSE CONTACTED NY 10181-S A TOTAL OF 18 TIMES. THESE LOGS ARE UNAVAILABLE FOR REVIEW DATES OF NOVEMBER 28, 1969, JANUARY 6, 1970, JULY 16, 1969 AND HAVE BEEN PLACED ON SPECIAL SEARCH. NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION ARE CONTAINED IN THE REVIEWED

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ON NOVEMBER 15, 1984, SUPPORT EMPLOYEE, [REDACTED] CAUSED
A SEARCH OF ISIS RECORDS ON APPOINTEE AND APPOINTEE'S RELATIVES NO
RECORD WAS LOCATED.

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REPORTING OFFICE SAN DIEGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 11-19-84	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11-15-84 to 11-16-84
TITLE OF CASE MIDGE DECTER, <u>PODHORETZ</u> , nee; ROSENTHAL, aka Midge Decter, Majorie, [redacted]		REPORT MADE BY SA [redacted]	TYPED BY [redacted]
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

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REFERENCE: San Diego teletype to the Bureau, dated November 13, 1984; and New York teletype to the Bureau, dated November 14, 1984.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

All persons contacted were advised of the provisions of the Privacy Act and none requested confidentiality.

San Diego indices checked regarding appointee and all listed associates with negative results.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: NOVEMBER 19, 1984

Office: SAN DIEGO

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Field Office File #: SD 161B-1738

Bureau File #: 161-16202

Title: MIDGE DECTER, PODHORETZ,
nee ROSENTHAL;

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Associate highly recommends appointee and knows of
no derogatory information concerning her.

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DETAILS:DR. [REDACTED]
Professor of Literature
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO (UCSD)
La Jolla, California 92093
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On November 16, 1984, DR. [REDACTED] advised he has known appointee for ten years and knows her very well. They became acquainted because of appointee's work as a writer and editor, and see each other at least twice a year. At present, they are both members of the INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS.

[REDACTED] commented favorably regarding appointee's character, honesty, and trustworthiness, and remarked she is one of the best writers in the country. As an example of how well she works under pressure, she often speaks to hostile audiences and handles this task well enough that these audiences often turn in her favor.

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Appointee is very loyal to this country and often writes and speaks on United States foreign policy. She is currently President of an organization dedicated to advancing the United States interests in foreign affairs, though he could not recall the name of the organization.

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[] was not aware of appointee's activity during the times of unemployment. Appointee does not abuse alcohol or use drugs. [] highly recommends appointee for a position in the Government.

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REPORTING OFFICE WASHINGTON FIELD	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 11/19/84	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD NOV 8 - 19 1984
TITLE OF CASE MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ nee: Rosenthal aka: Midge Decter, Marjorie, [redacted]		REPORT MADE BY SA [redacted]	TYPED BY [redacted]
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REFERENCE: Bureau teletype dated 11/6/84; New York teletype dated 11/14/84; and Baltimore teletype dated 11/14/84.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

"Where appropriate, Privacy Act (e) (3) data was furnished to persons interviewed. Express promises of confidentiality, both limited and unlimited, have been noted where granted."

WF T-1 is identified as [redacted], listed reference, [redacted] (telephone number [redacted]).

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FILE REVIEWS

The following investigations were conducted by Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED]

A review of WFO [REDACTED] revealed that a [REDACTED] (no further identifying data), who may be identical with appointee's husband, attended a gathering of intellectuals held at author [REDACTED], Central Park West apartment, New York, New York on November 7, 1969. The speaker at the gathering was GOLDA MEIR, Israeli Prime Minister. She assured those attending that Israeli's goal was still peace.

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A review of WFO [REDACTED] indicated that WFO initiated a case against MOSHE DECTER, who is identical with appointee's former husband, because of leads received from New York. New York advised that DECTER was Director of Jewish Minority Research, 16 E. 85th Street, New York City, and was in contact with the Israeli Consulate, New York City. New York was attempting to determine if subject was engaged in Israeli intelligence activities. WFO did not discover any such activity.

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A review of WFO [REDACTED] indicated that a MOSHE DECTER (who may be identical with the appointee's former husband), presumably a U.S. citizen; as a result of Fullbright hearings was required to register as agent of Israeli Government. Case was entitled B'nai B'rith, Registration Act, (OO:WFO). Date of serial was November 25, 1968.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: NOVEMBER 19, 1984
Field Office File #: 161B-17802
Title: MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ

Office: WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Bureau File #: 161-17802

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: WH records check revealed no record. All persons interviewed commented favorably and recommended. Local police checks were negative for appointee and relatives. USSS records checks revealed no record.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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WHITE HOUSE OFFICE (WHO)

A search of the files of the Records Office, WHO by Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] on November 8, 1984, revealed no record concerning MIDGE D. PODHORETZ.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for Public Liaison, WHITE HOUSE, advised Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] on November 15, 1984, that he has known MIDGE DECKER on a professional basis since 1982. At that time, he knew DECKER in connection with her work as a Trustee of the HERITAGE FOUNDATION here in Washington, D. C. In addition, he traveled with her during the summer of 1983, when [REDACTED] took a group of individuals for a tour of Israel. He has kept in touch with her since then. He described her as "a leader of the Neo-Conservative Movement." She is highly regarded by her associates and has written several books. During the time he has known her, he has developed a trust and confidence in her ability to keep confidential information properly. He knows nothing negative concerning her and has never known her to abuse alcohol or use illegal drugs. Based on his association with her, he would recommend DECKER for a position of confidence and trust.

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Date of transcription 11/16/841

On November 14, 1984, the following information was provided by a person herein after referred to as WF T-1 or "he", who requested that his identity remain confidential and not be disclosed outside the Federal Bureau of Investigation. For convenience, WF T-1 will occasionally be referred to as "he"; no inferences regarding the sex of the source is to be made from this usage.

WF T-1 was contacted at his place of employment, and stated that he usually will not talk with anyone from the Federal Bureau of Investigation but because of his high regard for the appointee, MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, that he would agree to talk to SA [] under two conditions. One was that his identity not be disclosed outside the Federal Bureau of Investigation and number two was that this communication set forth the following information:

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WF T-1 stated that information which he furnished to the FBI in confidence along with his identity was released to the party about whom he furnished the information, under the FOIPA, (he believes, inadvertently). He said as a result of the release of this information, he was forced to hire an attorney to defend him in court at considerable expense. He feels very strongly that FOIPA should be changed, so that the identity of a person who furnished information to the FBI in confidence remains in confidence. He requested that it be made known to FBI headquarters that he will not cooperate further with the FBI until this change is made.

WF T-1 said he has known the appointee as MIDGE DECTER for approximately 10 years and is aware that she is married to

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[] Since that time, they have collaborated frequently on items of a political nature.

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WF T-1 knows of nothing derogatory concerning her, has never known her to use alcohol to excess or to use illicit drugs,

WASHINGTON FIELD
Investigation on 11/14/84 at Washington, D.C. File # 161B-17802.

by SA [] [] Date dictated []

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and had only positive comments to make concerning her and recommends her highly for a position of trust and confidence with the U.S. Government.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] in regard to the appointee, MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ.

On November 14, 1984, [REDACTED], Associate Editor of the editorial page, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, 1025 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., telephone number 862-9225, advised that she has known the appointee for approximately ten years on both a professional and social basis. She further advised that she first met the appointee at a party given by Senator DANIEL MOYNIHAN and since that first meeting she has seen PODHORETZ at meetings of the Committee for a Free World. [REDACTED] described PODHORETZ as a caring person who can always be counted on. In addition, she stated that the appointee has a strong personality and that she will often say things that are unpopular with many people but none the less must be said. [REDACTED] stated that she knew of no alcohol abuse or use of illegal drugs by the appointee. She considered PODHORETZ to be in good physical and mental health. [REDACTED] had no reason to question the appointee's character, associates, or loyalty to the United States Government. She described the appointee's reputation as impeccable and brave. [REDACTED] recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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On November 14, 1984, [REDACTED], Resident Scholar, AMERICAN INTERPRISE INSTITUTE for Public Policy Research, 1150 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., telephone number 862-5838, advised that he has known the appointee for approximately ten years on both a professional and social level. He stated that he first met the appointee when he sent her some of his manuscripts to edit. He described PODHORETZ as an intelligent, compassionate and considerate individual. He further stated that she maintains her courage under criticism. [REDACTED] also advised that he thought that she is one of the best editors that he has ever dealt with. [REDACTED] stated that he knew of no alcohol abuse or use of illegal drugs by the appointee. In addition, he considered her to be in good physical and mental health. He had no reason to question the appointee's character, associates, or reputation. [REDACTED] also stated that he knew of few Americans who would have greater loyalty to the United States Government. [REDACTED] recommended PODHORETZ for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government. In closing, [REDACTED] stated that he has always known the appointee to use good judgement and common sense and described her as an admirable American who has spent most of her

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professional life for the good of the country.

On November 14, 1984, Doctor [] Director, Ethics and Public Policy Center, 1030 15th Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C., telephone number 682-1200, advised that he has known the appointee on a professional basis for approximately five years. He stated that he first met PODHORETZ through Ambassador [] and through his writing articles for Commentary Magazine which is edited by the appointee's husband. In addition, he advised that the appointee is on the Board of Directors at the Ethics and Public Policy Center and that he is also a member of the Committee for a Free World. [] described the appointee as a scholarly person who is easy to get along with. [] stated that he knew of no alcohol abuse or use of illegal drugs by the appointee. He had no reason to question the appointee's character, associates, or loyalty to the United States Government. [] described PODHORETZ's reputation as of the highest and without any blemishes. [] recommended PODHORETZ for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government. In closing, he stated that the White House should definitely consider the appointee for a cabinet officer position.

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On November 14, 1984, [] Chairman, National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., telephone number 786-0310, advised that he has known the appointee on both a professional and social level for approximately ten years. [] advised that he met the appointee through her husband who is the editor of Commentary Magazine. [] described PODHORETZ as a woman of achievement who has a delightful personality and is very intelligent. He further stated that she is very direct and that she speaks her mind freely which he thought was to her credit. [] also considered the appointee to be a very professional editor herself. [] stated that he knew of no alcohol abuse or use of illegal drugs by the appointee. He had no reason to question the appointee's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty to the United States Government. [] recommended PODHORETZ for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government. In closing, [] stated that the appointee has always been a strong defender of the United States.

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On November 14, 1984, [] Attorney, 600 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Suite 1000, Washington, D.C., telephone number 342-3520, advised that he has known the appointee on a social basis for approximately 20 years. [] advised that he met the appointee through her husband and mutual friends. He described PODHORETZ as a strongly

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opinionated person who expresses her opinions with clarity and conviction and because of that sometimes offends people.

[] stated that he knew of no alcohol abuse or use of illegal drugs by the appointee and that he considered her to be in good physical and mental health. [] had no reason to question the appointee's character, associates, or loyalty to the United States Government. He described the appointee's character as of the highest level even though she was looked upon as controversial at times. He added that this has never bothered him. [] recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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On November 14, 1984, [], Special Assistant to the Attorney General, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, 10th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C., telephone number 633-2107, advised that he has known the appointee on both a professional and social basis since 1978. [] stated that he first met PODHORETZ through [] who is now the Chairman of National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities. In addition, [] stated that the appointee edited a book that he wrote. He described the appointee as a morally responsible person who keeps her promises. He also said that she has a strong personality and strong convictions. [] also mentioned that he was very pleased with the work that she did on his book. [] stated that he knew of no alcohol abuse or use of illegal drugs by the appointee. He had no reason to question the appointee's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty to the United States Government. He recommended PODHORETZ for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government. In closing, [] stated that the appointee has always been a defender of the United States.

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On November 15, 1984, [], Syndicated Columnist, 4 West Melrose Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland, telephone number 654-0054, advised that he has known the appointee on both a professional and social level since 1979.

[] stated that he first met the appointee at the JOHNATHIN INSTITUTE in Jerusalem, Israel and that they also share many common friends. [] described PODHORETZ as a New York intellectual who is feisty and strong willed. In addition, he stated that he considered her to be one of America's most influential intellectuals. [] also advised that she is one individual who changed from a liberal philosophy to that of a conservative philosophy. [] stated that he knew of no alcohol abuse or use of illegal drugs by the appointee. He had no reason to question the appointee's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty to the United States Government. [] recommended PODHORETZ for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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On November 15, 1984, [REDACTED], Attorney, MORRISON and FOERSTER, 1920 N Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C., telephone number 887-1500, advised that he has known the appointee on both a professional and social basis for approximately eight years. He stated that he has lectured at seminars given by the Committee for the Free World of which the appointee is the director. [REDACTED] described PODHORETZ as a honest, forthright, and tough minded individual. [REDACTED] stated that he knew of no alcohol abuse or use of illegal drugs by the appointee. [REDACTED] had no reason to question the appointee's character, associates, or loyalty to the United States Government. He described the appointee's character as of the highest caliber. [REDACTED] recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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On November 15, 1984, [REDACTED] former National Security Advisor to the President, and now President of the [REDACTED] 905 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., telephone number 737-2824, advised that he has known the appointee on both a professional and social level for approximately eight years. [REDACTED] stated that he met the appointee through her writings and her work. ALLEN described PODHORETZ as a principled person having a pleasing personality. In addition, he stated that he considered her to be a caring person. [REDACTED] stated that he knew of no alcohol abuse or use of illegal drugs by the appointee. [REDACTED] had no reason to question the appointee's character, associates, or loyalty to the United States Government. He described the appointee's reputation on both a professional and personal level as outstanding. [REDACTED] recommended PODHORETZ for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government. In closing, [REDACTED] stated that the United States Government should have considered the appointee for a position in government a long time ago.

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[REDACTED] The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in regard to the appointee, MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ.

On November 16, 1984, [REDACTED], Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION, 214 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C., telephone number 546-4400, advised that he has known the appointee on both a professional and social basis for approximately five years. [REDACTED] stated that he became aware of the appointee through her academic works on public policy. As a result of her works, he stated that she was invited to become a member of the Board of Trustees at THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION. [REDACTED] stated that she is considered a key trustee in that she is excellent on formulating policy because of her high intellectual abilities. In regard to management abilities, he rated her as good. [REDACTED] described PODHORETZ as a charming individual who is easy to get along with, but that she is also hard charging and will speak her mind if the need be. [REDACTED] stated that he knew of no alcohol abuse or use of drugs by the appointee, and that he considered her to be in good physical and mental health. [REDACTED] had no reason to question the appointee's character, associates or loyalty to the United States Government. He described PODHORETZ's reputation on both a professional and personal level as of the highest caliber. [REDACTED] recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government. In closing, he stated that he considered PODHORETZ to be one of the leading intellectuals in the country and that he would like to see her working for the United States Government.

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[REDACTED] The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in regard to the appointee, MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ.

On November 19, 1984, [REDACTED] Senior Fellow, International Affairs, Center for Strategic and International Studies of Georgetown University, 1800 K Street, N.W., Suite 400, Washington, D.C., telephone number 887-0200, advised that he has known the appointee on both a professional and social basis for approximately seven years. [REDACTED] stated he first met the appointee when he was writing for Comentary Magazine which is edited by the appointee's husband. [REDACTED] described PODHORETZ as a very intelligent and literate person who is very reflective. He stated that he knew of no alcohol abuse or use of illegal drugs by the appointee. [REDACTED] had no reason to question the appointee's character or associates. In addition, he had no reason to question the appointee's loyalty to the United States Government and described her as a very patriotic American. [REDACTED] also described the appointee's professional and personal reputations as straight A. [REDACTED] recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government. In closing, [REDACTED] stated that he thought the United States Government was lucky to have her.

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POLICE AGENCIES

On November 14, 1984, a query was made in the Washington Area Law Enforcement computer (WALES) and it was determined that no record was located for the METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT concerning the appointee or relatives, SHEVA ROSENTHAL BERNSTEIN, [REDACTED]

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It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records may not be in the computer and not available for review.

On November 16, 1984, IA [REDACTED] determined that no record was contained in the DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Bureau of Motor Vehicle Services, Government of the District of Columbia files concerning the appointee or her relatives listed above.

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On November 15, 1984, IA [REDACTED] searched the files of the UNITED STATES PARK POLICE and no identifiable adult criminal or traffic record could be located regarding the appointee or her relatives listed above.

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SA [REDACTED] caused a search to be made of the files of the U.S. Secret Service, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, and was advised on November 8, 1984, that no record was found concerning the appointee.

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MIDGE DECTOR PODHORETZ, NEE ROSENTHAL, AKA: MIDGE DECTER,

MARGERIE, [REDACTED]; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: 11/20/84

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FBI OFFICES DATED 11/6/84.

ALEXANDRIA INDICES NEGATIVE FOR: [REDACTED] HARRY

ROSENTHAL, MOSHE DECTER, SHEVA BERNSTEIN (NEE: ROSENTHAL),

CONSTANCE FIELD (NEE: ROSENTHAL), [REDACTED]

ALEXANDRIA INDICES WERE SEARCHED AS FOLLOWS: GENERAL INDICES -

[REDACTED] - NOVEMBER 8, 1984, CONFIDENTIAL INDICES - [REDACTED]

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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 11/19/84	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/16/84
TITLE OF CASE MIDGE DECTOR PODHORETZ, Nee, Rosenthal; aka, Midge Dector, Marjorie, [REDACTED]		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE <p style="text-align: center;">SPIN</p> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em;">X</div>	

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Bureau tel to CG, 11/6/84; Bureau tel to CG, 11/14/84 and CG tel to Bureau, 11/15/84.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Where appropriate, Privacy Act (e)(3) data was furnished to persons interviewed. Express promises of confidentiality, both limited and unlimited, have been noted where granted.

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Title:

MIDGE DECTOR PODHORETZ,
Nee, Rosenthal; aka, Midge Dector,
Marjorie, [REDACTED]

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Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Professional associates highly recommend.

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DETAILS:

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES

The following investigation was conducted on November 16, 1984:

[redacted] advised that he has known the appointee for approximately 15 years. He stated that he met her in New York at HARPERS MAGAZINE where she was employed as editor.

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He described the appointee as bright, courageous in argument, tough minded and one who has a wide range in intelligence. He noted that she relates well with others, professionally and socially, and he has never heard anything which has reflected unfavorably upon her. He stated that she is of good moral character as are her friends and associates. He advised that she drinks alcohol very moderately and he has never known her to use drugs.

He advised that she is a loyal American and he recommended her highly to be appointed to a position of trust and responsibility by the President.

[redacted] advised that he has known the appointee and her family for approximately 20 years. He noted that when he met her she was editor of HARPERS MAGAZINE and subsequently edited a book that he wrote.

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He described her as intelligent, vigorous, and tough minded. He stated that she is of good moral character, and he has never heard anything which reflected unfavorably upon her reputation. He pointed out that her friends and associates are also people of good reputation. He stated that he has only observed her partake of alcoholic beverages on rare social occasions and he has never known her to use illegal drugs.

He advised that her loyalty to the government is intense and he thinks she would be an asset to the government. He recommended her for appointment by the President of the United States.

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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE ROSENTHAL, AKA MIDGE DECTER, BORN [REDACTED] Room 5155
[REDACTED]; SPIN; BUDED: NOVEMBER 20, 1984. VIL 233

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RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND KANSAS CITY
NOVEMBER 15, 1984.

FOR INFORMATION ST. LOUIS, CAPTIONED SUBJECT BEING
CONSIDERED FOR UNSPECIFIED PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT, FORMERLY
EMPLOYED AS EDITOR, SATURDAY REVIEW, SEPTEMBER, 1971, TO
JULY, 1973. APPOINTEE BORN JULY 25, 1937, AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA,
SSAN 476-34-6240. SATURDAY REVIEW MOST RECENTLY OWNED BY
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OF ST. LOUIS GLOBE DEMOCRAT.

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APPOINTEE'S FORMER EMPLOYMENT AS EDITOR FOR SATURDAY REVIEW.

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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE ROSENTHAL, AKA MIDGE DECTER, MARJORIE,

SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: NOVEMBER 20, 1984

RE: BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES NOVEMBER 11, 1984.

A REVIEW OF NEWARK INDICES, ELSUR FILES, AND ISIS DATA BASE WAS NEGATIVE RE APPOINTEE, HER CLOSE RELATIVES, AND PRESENT BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT AS OF NOVEMBER 16, 1984, WITH EXCEPTION OF SUBJECT FILE FOR APPOINTEE'S EX-SPOUSE, MOSHE DECTER. NK FILE [REDACTED] BUFILE [REDACTED] CAPTIONED "MOSHE DECTER, AKA [REDACTED] OO: NEW YORK," REFLECTED AN INVESTI-

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GATION OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME FROM MARCH 9, 1962, TO SEPTEMBER 11, 1963, WHICH FAILED TO ESTABLISH IF SUBJECT WAS ENGAGED IN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITY. CASE CLOSED SEPTEMBER, 1963.

COPIES OF DOCUMENTS TO BE FORWARDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE: ROSENTHAL, AKA: MIDGE DECTER

MARJORIE, [REDACTED], SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: 11/20/84.

General [REDACTED] & Spin Room 5
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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FBI OFFICES, DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1984.

SAN ANTONIO GENERAL INDICES, AS CHECKED BY FILE ASSISTANT/FILE CLERK [REDACTED] NEGATIVE REGARDING APPOINTEE/APPLICANT AND ALL CLOSE RELATIVES.

ELSUR AND INFORMANT INDICES, AS CHECKED BY FILE CLERK [REDACTED], NEGATIVE REGARDING APPOINTEE/APPLICANT AND ALL CLOSE RELATIVES.

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INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT INFORMATION SYSTEM (ISIS), AS CHECKED BY FILE CLERK [REDACTED] NEGATIVE REGARDING APPOINTEE/APPLICANT AND ALL CLOSE RELATIVES.

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WOODMUR (MAJOR CASE 21) INDICES, AS CHECKED BY FILE CLERK [REDACTED], NEGATIVE REGARDING APPOINTEE/APPLICANT AND ALL CLOSE RELATIVES.

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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE: ROSENTHAL, AKA; MIDGE DECTER, MARJORIE, [REDACTED], SPEICAL INQUIRY, BUDED [REDACTED] NOVEMBER 20, 1984.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1984.

THE FOLLOWING LISTED INDICES AND MAJOR CASE DATA BANKS WERE SEARCHED IN REFERENCE TO THE APPOINTEE AND CLOSE RELATIVES AND EMPLOYMENT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ALSO LISTED ARE THE SAN JUAN OFFICE PERSONNEL WHO ACTUALLY CONDUCTED THESE SEARCHES:

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, NEWARK (161B-3455-389) (RUC)(C#7)

MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ,
 nee ROSENTHAL,
 aka MIDGE DECTER, MARJORIE,

[REDACTED]
 SPECIAL INQUIRY
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 Newark teletype to Bureau, 11/20/84

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of documents
 consisting of Newark file [REDACTED] further described in
 referenced Newark teletype.

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ReBulet, 7/15/63, and report of SA [redacted]
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As investigation over an extended period of time has failed to establish if subject is engaged in intelligence activity, it is not believed that further investigation is warranted at this time.

It is believed that a productive interview of the subject cannot be conducted without involving a serious risk of jeopardizing the security of [redacted] a very sensitive source of the NYO.

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In view of the above, this case is being placed in a closed status.

Boston and Newark should discontinue investigation in this matter.

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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (161B-2510) (C-4) (RUC)

MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ,NEE: ROSENTHAL, aka
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Re Bureau teletype to Miami dated November 6, 1984.

Enclosed are all documents in Miami file 9A-3728 re-
garding [REDACTED].

Miami investigation complete.

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FROM: SAC, MIAMI (9A-3728) (FLRA) (C-3) (RUC)

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Editor, COMMENTARY MAGAZINE -
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Re Miami airtel to New York dated 3/30/84.

Several contacts have been made with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Security Chief, SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND
TELEGRAPH COMPANY, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. [REDACTED]
advised that the files of the telephone company do not reflect
any further identifiable information with respect to telephone
number (212) 866-0698. The microfiche record for this telephone
number had previously reflected 23 telephone calls made to
that residence on 1/23/84, as set out in referenced
communication.

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[REDACTED] further advised telephone records
do not reflect any current activity in the South Miami area
for either captioned subject.

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Inasmuch as there are no outstanding leads, this
matter is considered RUC.

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2 - Oklahoma City (9A-4497)
① - Miami

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TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype
☐ Facsimile
☒ Airtel

PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☒ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
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☒ UNCLAS

Date 3/30/84


TO: SAC, NEW YORK (9A-9113)


FROM: SAC, MIAMI (9A-3728) (FLRA) (C-3) (P)



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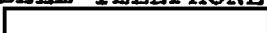

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Re New York teletype to Miami dated 1/24/84.

The Miami Division, at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, reviewed local telephone directories and other cross reference materials and determined the only public listing for a family named 

residence telephone 

On 1/27/84,  and his wife were interviewed by Bureau agents and it was learned that they are not identical to captioned subject's family.

On 1/30/84, contact was made with  SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, Security, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.  reviewed his company records at the request of the Miami Division and advised that there were no calls reflected by computer printout for the residence of 

 telephone  These calls and records would not be available until 2/21/84, by computer printout.

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On 2/21/84, [] advised that the microfiche for the telephone number [] had been searched and that there were 23 telephone calls to that residence on 1/23/84. The records reflect that each of these telephone calls was made by a credit card and the credit card is unidentifiable.

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MIAMI DIVISION

AT FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Will remain in contact with [] in an effort to identify captioned subjects and to identify an address where these individuals may be interviewed concerning captioned matter.

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Due to reassignment of case agent to WCC-3 Squad, it is recommended that this case be reassigned to a C-3 agent.

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TO NEW YORK (9A-9113) ROUTINE

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COMMENTARY MAGAZINE 3 VICTIM; XTORTION; 99: NEW YORK.

RE OKLAHOMA CITY TELETYPE TO NEW YORK DATED JANUARY 24, 1984.

ON FEBRUARY 6, 1984, AN INQUIRY AT THE U.E. POST OFFICE, BOULEVARD STATION, NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, LOCATED NEAR THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA CAMPUS, DETERMINED THAT P.O. BOX 2125, NORMAN, HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO SUBJECTS. THIS BOX WAS CLOSED DECEMBER 31, 1983, FOR LACK OF RENT PAYMENT. NO MAIL HAD BEEN PICKED UP IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1983, AND ALL MAIL IN THE BOX WAS RETURNED TO SENDER. NO FORWARDING ADDRESS OR STREET ADDRESS ON FILE.

ON FEBRUARY 6, 1984, A REVIEW OF SUBJECTS ARREST RECORD AT THE NORMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CLEVELAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, NORMAN, FAILED TO REVEAL ANY LISTING OF RELATIVES.

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ON FEBRUARY 6, 1984, A REVIEW OF THE FILES OF THE OKLAHOMA
STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, AILED
TO DISCLOSE ANY OKLAHOMA ARRESTS OTHER THAN THE LISTED NORMAN,
OKLAHOMA ARRESTS.

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~~FT JORDANVILLE~~

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SAC Miami 9 New

To:

~~Capitol City 9 New~~

1/24/84

11:00 P.D.

From: ADIC N.Y.

Time Transmitted -

Subject:

Initials -

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-Victim - Extortion

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ONE Newspaper Clipping

Special handling instructions:

(Teletype to follow)

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1/12/23

Dear [redacted]

If I choose to humiliate an old man who's obviously wasting his life living and working in New York City, by being polite and saying I "loved" your essay, then old man, you damn well better defer to me and be polite back. You - fucking haughty arrogant asshole! Who do you think you are? Ernest Hemingway? You blew it, Noem, and we both know it for sure now.

What if I show up at Settler's Landing some weekend and tap you on the shoulder as you're getting out of your limo? You'd probably have a heart attack and die right there. I've fought niggers in the street with knives and beer bottles - lived on the street - survived - so I could lie here in this \$50.00 a night Howard Johnson's Room and write this letter.

You use your secretary to shield you from the outside world much like a little boy hides behind his mother's coat. You've never made an enemy like me before, Mistie, you're really in for it now.

You fucking cocksucking Paggot - all you had to do was be polite, businesslike, to my wife on the phone when she called - for 3 minutes - but no - NO - you had to be typical - the typical schmuck - and now you'll wish you never shot off your mouth about 1984. I'm gonna get you
Love [redacted] - The Brotherhood

P.S. For 10 years I went to Friday night services and Sunday School every week - 10 years - at Temple B'nai Israel in OKLA. city, OKLA.

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They tried to make me a Jew, [redacted] but a little marijuana and LSD was all it took to make me see through the whole thing: namely: 5,000 years of the Judeo-Christian ethic: a black mark on man's history. Where was your "God" from 1933-1945 when 1 million of your people got gassed? "He" was sleeping, right, Noenah. Sorry, pal - you think I have no faith in a higher creator? You're wrong, but my faith would NEVER lead me to a gas chamber.

P.S.S. IF you only knew how we got our money to buy the \$80,000.00 in records we own, would you believe Jewish Family Services and churches all over the country have "donated" (or been conned out of) to our cause. Sorry [redacted] you have Really met the ENEMY.

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165 E. 56th St.

New York New York 10022

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Beach
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

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Wendy Wilson

January 7, 1984

[Redacted]
Editor
Commentary Magazine
165 E. 56th street
New York New York 10022

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Loved your essay on 1984 in the January 5, 1984 Miami Herald!
It stimulated my creative juices and sat down and immediately
turned out this masterpiece, so I thought I'd share it with you.

Also enclosed are my Wall Street references so you'll understand
my background. It's like I always said: "Losers go under and winners
get written about in the Wall Street Journal."

sincerely:

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P.S. as you can see by my address above I have incredible financial
power and wizardry. That 10 mile strip of land in Ft. Lauderdale
is quite valuable and I own it all!

P.S.S. Don't call me, I'll call you!

SORRY [] BUT THE BROTHERHOOD DOES EXIST

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(preface): I am writing the following with all due respects and acknowledgment to the fact that a contradiction is involved in trying to use logic, rationale, and deduction to prove that logic rationale and deduction are evil: where "evil" is defined as that which man should not be doing or thinking while alive on Earth in 1984.

In mathematics we learn that if one assumes a hypothesis, and then, based on that hypothesis, proves, or arrives at a contradiction, using logic, then the hypothesis is false.

Let us assume, then, that the words "I" and "God" have meaning using conceptualizations communicated in English, and for the purpose of clarity, use Webster's definitions for all the rest of the words used.

Therefore, suppose we take the 4 words: "cat" "the" "ate" and "I". There are 24 possible combinations of juxtaposition for these 4 words if we wish to make them all-inclusive in a sentence. However most combinations would convey or "communicate" "non"sense. Yet one possible combination does communicate "sense." Namely: "I ate the cat." The reason for this, as is the reason that a 7 digit telephone number must be dialed in proper order to get the call you want, is that we live in a rational logical world set up for us, that we are trained to "understand," so that the sentence "I ate the cat," has "meaning," whereas the sentence "Cat ate the I," or "The ate I cat," does not. Makes sense, right? If not, go back to first grade.

The last statement above should give a clue to what is coming. For, in fact, Let's go back even earlier than age 6 - say, age 1, or even age 1 day. A human child of age 1 day - soon to be one of us - too soon, perhaps - has yet to be "trained," or conditioned, if you will, into "understanding" our English language conceptualization communicating process. He is pure, clear, and free to the extent that he, for awhile at least, will not dream in English the way I do. They haven't got to him yet! For that matter, a child of, say 1,2,3, or maybe even 4 or 5 is bored to tears with the preacher's sermon in church in which he is forced to sit still and listen to on Sunday morning. This youth has not yet "learned" that God exists. The process is gradual, but by age 6,7, or 8, after a few years of school and Sunday school, acculturation to the beliefs of his parents begins. "God," the word, is taught to have meaning as a supreme creator, all-seeing, all-knowing, omniscient, omnipresent. The child,

in a perplexed state, finally asks himself: "Where did I come from?" And the answer is everywhere - from TV, books, movies, billboards - "you came from God." The Thought Police have now begun to assume control.

What if the poor kid somehow escaped this training and conditioning? What if he lived in an environment with parents who couldn't speak any language, in the jungle, for instance, where the food was on the trees, there for the picking? What would he be like at 5, 6, or 7, or 15, 16, or 17? My contention is: we'd have a whole new ball game! But that isn't the case, is it, in America, where it is a felony not to submit your child to school "training." Chalk one more up for the Thought Police and welcome to 1984!!!

The question: "Where did I come from?" can be thoughtfully answered: "Who says you're 'I' to begin with?" The smart-mouthed kid with a little training might respond: "René Descartes said: 'cogito ergo sum': 'I think, therefore I am.'" Don't believe a word of it, for you see, the sentence: "I think, therefore I am" presupposes, or hypothesizes that "I" exists. This is clear when one realizes that the pronoun "I" begins the sentence-conceptualization and proceeds with the verb case of "to think", namely: "I think." Says Who? Says my mother, that's who! So there!!! Mama created "me" then, by calling me by name enough times till I started believing her. See the fallacy creeping up! In truth, "I" that is, poor little "me," was probably born in a struggle for acceptance and love from Mama, and in defense for what "I" began to perceive would eventually happen to "me" if I didn't capitulate and become what they wanted: namely, me. And "I've" been defending myself ever since! Now I've got a Master's degree in math. Thank you Big Brother!

Please don't remind me now that the very first word of this essay was "I" for without my training all you'd probably get out of me would be a smile and a gurgle. I have no other way to communicate to you. They made sure of that. They have mental hospitals for those who say "Cat the ate I," instead of "I ate the cat." I don't want to get locked up. Neither did Winston Smith, but they got him eventually.

In conclusion then, today's New York Times tells what a wonderful world all 4 billion of us I's have inherited or perpetuated - depending on how much evil power each one of us chooses to assert over one another. If my existence as "I" is evil, and getting worse every day, as "I" believe it is, then the only logical solution to the problem would and should be a bullet in the brain. That is, unless there's a way out - a way to start over - clean the slate of my mind - mentally begin again. Maybe there is a way, for if there wasn't at least hope, then I would have chosen the bullet long ago. But I'm not going to write

it down here. You'll have to get it out of me some other way because the
Thought Police are everywhere. I've got to be careful. I've got to run, to
hide.....and I've got to wait.....Wait for the right time to act, while I
seek out those comrades that want out too. Sorry [redacted] but the Brotherhood
does exist

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Free Money! Some Folks Snatching \$25 an Hour Right Out of Thin Air

By LISA W. VICKERY

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

Wendy and Alen Berkowitz have hit on a sure-fire way of making money. It's called buying low and selling high. What they buy are Canadian quarters, sometimes for as little as 11 cents of 60, and sell them, or rather, trade them in, for 25 cents American.

Making the rounds from store to store around Portland, Ore., turning over \$3, or so at each store, the Berkowitzes say they have netted together as much as \$100 in four hours. "Nobody cares about eight quarters," says Wendy Berkowitz, 34 years old. "It's no big deal."

Canadian dollars now sell for around 51 cents U.S. But Mrs. Berkowitz says she has bought Canadian quarters in bulk for as little as 61 American cents per Canadian dollar from First Interstate Bank of Oregon. A bank spokesman says a rate that low is rare, but the bank does offer a favorable price on bulk purchases of Canadian coins to avoid the expense of shipping the coins back to Canada.

Says Mrs. Berkowitz: "You can make real money as soon as you've waited out of the bank. It's not hard. There remains the problem of

trading the Canadian quarters for 25 cents American. But generally, Portland retailers say they will exchange small amounts of Canadian bills at face value, American, although they do discount Canadian bills. One reason is that the retailers' vending machines will accept U.S. coins only. Another is that some Northwest banks offer accept Canadian quarters at par, too. At Washington Mutual Savings Bank, Seattle, a teller says that except for amounts over \$10, Canadian quarters mixed in rolls with U.S. quarters are valued at 25 cents.

It is possible that the Berkowitzes' success could attract too many other players and ruin the game. But the Berkowitzes say they aren't worried. "Other people have other things to do," Mrs. Berkowitz says. Before she got into foreign-exchange arbitrage, Mrs. Berkowitz was a teacher, but she says she lost her teaching job for teaching in the nude.

Besides turning quarters, the Berkowitzes travel in their mobile-home sized wagon, with toys and music too for unpublished and trade in rare records.

Who really pays the bill for the Canadian quarters? That's what we were trying to figure out, says Mrs. Berkowitz. "Nobody is, but somebody must be."

WALL STREET JOURNAL Aug. 12, 1982

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TO NEW YORK (9A-9113) PRIORITY

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PEURTEL JAN. 24, 1984.

OKLAHOMA DL AND NCIC INQUIRIES DISCLOSED FOLLOWING IDENTIFY-
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[REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] WHITE MALE, 5' 11",
155 POUNDS, BROWN HAIR AND EYES, SSAN [REDACTED], HAS FBI

[REDACTED] HAS EXPIRED OKLAHOMA DL, LISTING ADDRESS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHITE FEMALE, DOB [REDACTED] 5' 6",
135 POUNDS, BROWN EYES, SSAN [REDACTED] FBI [REDACTED] HAS OKLA-
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ON AAN. 24, 1984, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

[REDACTED] IS HER ADOPTED SON. HE GRADUATED FROM OKLAHOMA UNIVERSITY IN THE MID 60'S. WHILE THERE, HE MET AND MARRIED HIS WIFE, [REDACTED] (MAIDEN NAME UNKNOWN), FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS, [REDACTED] HAVE BEEN TRAVELING THROUGHOUT THE U.S., LIVING IN THEIR VEHICLE, AND HAVING NO PERMANENT ADDRESS. [REDACTED] IS ORIGINALLY FROM NEW YORK, BUT SHE HAS NO BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE HER.

[REDACTED] HIMSELF TO BE A WRITER AND IF HIS EFFORTS ARE REJECTED, HE GETS MAD, AND APPARENTLY HIGH ON DRUGS, AND WRITES THREATENING LETTERS WHICH HE LATER HAS NO RECOLLECTION OF HAVING WRITTEN.

IN THIS REGARD, HE HAS WRITTEN NUMEROUS SUCH LETTERS TO HER AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HER FAMILY, IN WHICH HE MAKES THREATS AND WILD STATEMENTS, AND WHICH HE LATER CLAIMS HE CANNOT RECALL HAVING WRITTEN.

NO ONE IN HER FAMILY, INCLUDING HERSELF, WILL HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH [REDACTED] DUE TO THEIR ACTIVITIES. THEY OCCASIONALLY

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PASS THROUGH OKLAHOMA ENROUTE FROM COAST TO COAST ON THEIR TRAVELS, BUT HAVE NOT RESIDED IN OKLAHOMA FOR SOME 15 YEARS TO THE BEST OF HER KNOWLEDGE.

BOTH ARE APPARENTLY MEMBERS OF THE DRUG CULTURE, AND ARE ADAMANTLEY ANTI-ESTABLISHMENT. HOWEVER, SHE DOES NOT THINK EITHER ARE PRONE TO VIOLENCE OF ANY SORT; AND NEVER KNOWS OF EITHER HAVING ATTEMPTED TO HARM ANYONE.

SHE HAS NO IDEA HOW TO CONTACT EITHER OF THEM. ABOUT SIX WEEKS AGO, [REDACTED] CALLED AND WISHED HE A H WEEKS AGO, [REDACTED] CALLED AND WISHED HIM A HAPPY NEW YEAR. HE STATED HE AND [REDACTED] WERE IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, BUT HE DID NOT FURNISH ANY ADDRESS. SHE WAS LATER CONTACTED BY THE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INASMUCH AS [REDACTED] APPARENTLY CHARGED THE CALL TO AN UNAUTHORIZED NUMBER.

SHE REPEATED THAT SHE HAS NO IDEA OF HOW TO CONTACT EITHER

[REDACTED], AND WILL CALL THE FBI IF SHE IS CONTACTED BY THEM.

OKLAHOMA CITY, AT NORMAN, OKLAHOMA. CONTACT USPO TO DETERMINE IF [REDACTED] IS VALID ADDRESS FOR [REDACTED] AND IF MAIL FOR HER IS FORWARDED.

OKLAHOMA CITY, AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA. WILL REVIEW OSBI

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IDENTIFICATION RECORDS FOR ANY INFORMATION OF LEAD VALUE.

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TO MIAMI IMMEDIATE

OAKLAHOMA CITY IMMEDIATE

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[REDACTED]
EDITOR COMMENTARY MAGAZINE, VICTIM-EXTORTION OO:NEW YORK.

RE NEW YORK TEL CALL TO MIAMI DATED JANUARY 24, 1984.

ON JANUARY 20, 1984, [REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED
AT HIS OFFICE AT 265 EAST 56TH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK
AND ADVISED HE HAS BEEN RECEIVING AT HIS OFFICE SEVERAL
OBSCENE PHONE CALLS A DAY AT HIS WORK NUMBER, WHICH CAN BE CONSTRUED
AS THREATS BEING MADE BY [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] ALSO ADVISED
HIS ELDERLY MOTHER IN BROOKLYN, NY, HAD RECEIVED CALLS AND HIS
EXECUTIVE EDITOR [REDACTED] WAS STILL RECEIVING CALLS
WITH OBSCENE LANGUAGE BEING USED TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT THIS MEETING [REDACTED] TURNED OVER TWO LETTERS HE

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HAD RECEIVED FROM THE [REDACTED] ONE DATED 1/7/84, THE OTHER 1/12/84, WHICH WILL BE TELEFAXED THIS DATE FOR USE BY OAKLAHOMA CITY; MIAMI AND FT. LAUDERDALE, ALONG WITH A NEW YORK TIMES NEWSPAPER CLIPPING, AND ENVELOPE POSTMARKED MIAMI, EXPLAINING WHY THREATS WERE MADE, STARTING OVER AN ARTICLE [REDACTED] WROTE.

FOR INFORMATION OF OAKLAHOMA CITY, MIAMI, AND FT. LAUDERDALE, DEPUTY CHIEF FRED VIRALLA, SDNY, WAS ADVISED OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONTENTS OF THE LETTERS AND AGREED WITH THE WRITER THAT AT THIS TIME; THE BERLOWITZS SHOULD BE FULLY

IDENTIFIED AND INTERVIEWED REGARDING THE LETTERS AND TELEPHONE CALLS IF POSSIBLE, BEFORE THE FINAL PROSECUTIVE OPINION IS GIVEN.

MIAMI AT MIAMI - 1) INITIATE LOGICAL INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] WITH THE ONLY CONCRETE INFORMATION THEY ARE IN MIAMI AREA BEING THE LETTER TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DATED JANUARY 12, 1984 HAS A MIAMI POST MARK ON IT. MIAMI AT FT. LAUDERDALE - 1) INITIATE LOGICAL INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] DUE TO THE FACT THE JANUARY 7, LETTER HAD A RETURN ADDRESS OF BEACH, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA.

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OKLAHOMA CITY AT OKLAHOMA CITY - 1) CONDUCT LOGICAL
INVESTIGATION TO PROVIDE ANY BACKGROUND INFORMATION REGARDING
[REDACTED] DUE TO THE FACT IN THE JANUARY 12, 1984
LETTER TO [REDACTED] MENTIONS HE ATTENDED TEMPLE
B'MAI ISRAEL IN OKLAHOMA CITY FOR TEN YEARS; LETTER BEING
FAXED THIS DATE.

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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE ROSENTHAL, AKA MIDGE DECTER,
MARJORIE, [REDACTED] SPECIAL INQUIRY (BUDED NOV. 20,
1984) WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TEL, NOV. 6, 1984.

ON NOV. 6, 1984, SCA [REDACTED] CHECKED GENERAL

INDICES; ON NOV. 9, 1984, FILE ASSISTANT [REDACTED] RECORDED

CHECKED SPECIAL INDICES; AND ON NOV. 9, 1984, ASSISTANT ELSUR APR 30 1985

COORDINATOR [REDACTED] CHECKED ELSUR INDICES RE CAPTIONED

APPOINTEE, CLOSE RELATIVES AND PRESENT BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI PRIORITY

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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE: ROSENTHAL, AKA: MIDGE DECTER,
MARJORIE, [REDACTED]; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: NOV.
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REBUTEL TO ALL OFFICES, NOV. 6, 1984.

ON NOV. 6, 1984, NHO GENERAL INDICES. AS SEARCHED BY

[REDACTED] AND ELSUR INDICES, AS SEARCHED BY [REDACTED]

WERE NEGATIVE FOR APPOINTEE AND CLOSE RELATIVES WITH THE
EXCEPTION OF EX-SPOUSE MOSHE DECTER. INDICES REFLECT REFERENCE
OF NH [REDACTED] IN MATTER "MOSHE DECTER, AKA, IS-ISRAEL, OO:NY,"
BUFILE [REDACTED]. DUE TO LACK OF IDENTIFYING DATA, NH UNABLE
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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE ROSENTHAL, AKA MIDGE DECTER, MARJORIE,

[REDACTED] SPECIAL INQUIRY: BUDED: NOVEMBER 20, 1984

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FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, KANSAS CITY GENERAL OFFICE AND
ELSUR INDICES ARE NEGATIVE RE APPOINTEE AND LISTED CLOSE
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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE: ROSENTHAL, AKA: MIDGE DERTER, MARJORIE,

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES, NOVEMBER 6, 1984.

ON NOVEMBER 6, 1984, SA [] CAUSED A SEARCH OF
BALTIMORE INDICES, GENERAL, CONFIDENTIAL AND ELSUR WHICH DISCLOSED
NO IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE OR LISTED
RELATIVES.

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REPORTING OFFICE MINNEAPOLIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 11/20/84	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/9-15/84
TITLE OF CASE MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, nee Rosenthal, aka Midge Decter, Marjorie, [redacted]		REPORT MADE BY SA [redacted]	TYPED BY [redacted]
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISE.

Bureau airtel to Minneapolis, et al, dated 11/6/84; Bureau teletype to all Field Offices dated 11/6/84, and Minneapolis teletype to the Bureau dated 11/14/84.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Where appropriate, Privacy Act data was furnished to persons interviewed. Express promises of confidentiality, both limited and unlimited, have been noted where granted.

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APPROVED		[redacted]		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: NOVEMBER 20, 1984

Office: MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

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Field Office File #: 161B-1475

Bureau File #: 161-18263-

Title: MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: (Minneapolis records indicate that ex-spouse MOSHE DECTER [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Attendance at University of Minnesota verified.
Appointee's birthdate verified. Police and credit records favorable
concerning appointee and immediate relatives. (U)

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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] at Minneapolis,
Minnesota:

On November 9, 1984, FBI records were reviewed
concerning appointee and relatives. The records reveal
that ex-spouse MOSHE DECTER was [REDACTED]
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Record was from 1962 when DECTER was living in New York City.(S)
Record also reveals that appointee filed for divorce from
DECTER for cruel and inhuman treatment in Ramsey County,
Minnesota, and obtained a divorce decree on August 18, 1955.

FBI records contain no other references to DECTER
or other listed relatives.

EDUCATION

On November 14, 1984, [REDACTED], Counselor at Central High School, 275 North Lexington Parkway, St. Paul, Minnesota, telephone (612) 645-9217, was contacted at his place of employment and advised of the agent's identity and that he was being interviewed concerning his knowledge of the high school experience of MIDGE ROSENTHAL. [REDACTED] provided the following:

[REDACTED] was able to provide one record sheet which indicated that MARJORIE ROSENTHAL, date of birth July 25, 1927, entered Central High School on September 8, 1942, and graduated June 15, 1945. ROSENTHAL achieved a score of 134 on the Otis IQ test, which she took in September, 1942.

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While at Central, ROSENTHAL was enrolled in a college preparatory course of study which included writing, literature, mathematics, social science, history, physics, and social studies.

The record sheet indicates that most of her grades are in the 90s, with the lowest being 84 and the highest 97. The record shows that her attendance was good, although 16½ days were missed in 1944 and 12 in 1945 for unknown reasons. The only other remarks indicate that ROSENTHAL applied at the University of Minnesota on December 15, 1945, at the W.H. Orme Company in January, 1945, at the University of Chicago on February 15, 1946, and at New York University on June 10, 1946.

[REDACTED] advised that there were no other student records which dated back that far inasmuch as records dealing with all other aspects of their education are destroyed after five years. [REDACTED] further advised that there would be no staff members at the school who would remember ROSENTHAL.

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A copy of ROSENTHAL's record sheet is attached hereto.

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EDUCATION

University of Minnesota
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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] at Minneapolis, Minnesota:

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On November 9, 1984, [REDACTED], Admissions and Records Assistant, University of Minnesota, Office of Registration and Student Records, 150 Williamson Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota, provided Special Agent [REDACTED] with the academic file for the appointee, revealing the following information:

The appointee was born on July 25, 1927, and listed her home address as 1943 Fairmont Avenue Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The appointee entered the University of Minnesota on January 3, 1945, and attended classes during the academic years 1944-45 and 1945-46. There is no record of the appointee receiving a degree. The records do not reflect the appointee's overall grade point average, but did indicate that she had not failed any courses.

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The following investigation was conducted
by Investigative Assistant [REDACTED] on
November 9, 1984:

[REDACTED], Clerk, Bureau of Vital
Statistics, Minneapolis, verified appointee's birth
as July 25, 1927, St. Paul, Minnesota. Her certificate,
number 47795-27, was filed on July 27, 1927. Appointee's
first name on the certificate is shown as MARJORIE.

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On November 15, 1984, IA [REDACTED] checked file 291976 in the Ramsey County Clerk of Court's office, St. Paul, Minnesota. This file shows MARJORIE DECTER was awarded an absolute divorce from MOSHE DECTER on August 18, 1955, in District Court of the Second Judicial District in St. Paul.

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CREDIT

On November 9, 1984, [REDACTED] Supervisor,
Revision Department and Consumer Relations, Credit Bureau
Services of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised IA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] her agency has no record of MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ or
MIDGE ROSENTHAL.

IDENTIFICATION

On November 9, 1984, [] Identification Clerk, Department of Police, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised IA [] she checked the following names and could find no record:

MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ (appointee)
MARJORIE DECTER PODHORETZ
MIDGE ROSENTHAL
MARJORIE ROSENTHAL
MIDGE DECTER
MARJORIE DECTER

HARRY ROSENTHAL (appointee's father)

CONSTANCE ROSENTHAL FIELD (appointee's sister)
CONSTANCE ROSENTHAL

On November 15, 1984, [], Clerk, Mendota Heights Police Department, Mendota Heights, Minnesota, telephonically advised IA [] her department has no record of CONSTANCE ROSENTHAL FIELD or CONSTANCE ROSENTHAL.

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On November 15, 1984, [], Clerk, Dakota County Sheriff's Office, Hastings, Minnesota, telephonically advised IA [] her office has no record of CONSTANCE ROSENTHAL FIELD or CONSTANCE ROSENTHAL.

The records of the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office, St. Paul, are included with the St. Paul Police Department records.

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The following investigation was conducted
by Investigative Assistant [REDACTED] on
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[REDACTED], Clerk, Minneapolis Police
Department and [REDACTED] Clerk, Hennepin County
Sheriff's Office, Minneapolis, both advised that their
records were negative concerning appointee.

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The following investigation was conducted
by Investigative Assistant [REDACTED] on
November 9, 1984:

[REDACTED], Clerk, United States Attorney's
Office, Minneapolis, advised that she could not locate
a record of prosecutive action against appointee.

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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE ROSENTHAL, AKA MIDGE DECTER, MARJORIE,

SPIN; BUDED: NOVEMBER 20, 1984.

REBUTEL TO ALL FIELD OFFICES, NOVEMBER 6, 1984; ST. LOUIS
TEL TO BUREAU, NOVEMBER 14, 1984, AND KANSAS CITY TEL TO ST. LOUIS,
NOVEMBER 19, 1984.

EXPRESS PROMISES OF CONFIDENTIALITY, BOTH
LIMITED AND UNLIMITED, HAVE BEEN NOTED WHERE GRANTED.

FOR INFO LOS ANGELES, CAPTIONED SUBJECT BEING CONSIDERED FOR
UNSPECIFIED PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT, FORMERLY EMPLOYED AS EDITOR,
SATURDAY REVIEW, SEPTEMBER, 1971 TO JULY, 1973. APPOINTEE BORN JULY
25, 1937, AT ST. PAUL, MINN., SSAN 476-34-6240. INVESTIGATION AT ST.
LOUIS, MO., HAS DISCLOSED THAT [REDACTED] FACULTY MEMBER,

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
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Mr. Holmes	
Miss Gandy	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Evans	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
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Miss Gandy	

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES MEDICAL SCHOOL, LOS ANGELES, CALIF., WAS OWNER AND EDITOR OF THE SATURDAY REVIEW FROM 1940 UNTIL THE LATE 1970'S.

LOS ANGELES, AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF., CONTACT FACULTY MEMBER, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES MEDICAL SCHOOL, AND ATTEMPT TO VERIFY APPOINTEE'S FORMER EMPLOYMENT AS EDITOR FOR SATURDAY REVIEW.

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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE ROSENTHAL, AKA MIDGE DECTER, MAJORIE,

[REDACTED], SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED: NOVEMBER 20, 1984

WITHOUT FAIL. (B).

REBUTEL NOVEMBER 6, 1984.

ON NOVEMBER 20, 1984, NEW ORLEANS INDICES AND ELSUR WERE
SEARCHED RE MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ UNDER HER TRUE NAME AND
KNOWN ALIASES, AND CLOSE RELATIVES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. INDICES
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[REDACTED] REVIEWED BY IA [REDACTED]

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FIELD OFFICES, NOVEMBER 6,
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ON NOVEMBER 7, 1984, [REDACTED], TYPIST, REVIEWED THE EL PASO DIVISION ELSUR AND SECURE INDICES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS REGARDING CAPTIONED APPOINTEE AND HER CLOSE RELATIVES AS SET OUT IN REFERENCED TELETYPE. 101-18312-85

ON NOVEMBER 20, 1984, IA [] REVIEWED THE EL PASO DIVISION GENERAL INDICES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS REGARDING APPOINTEE, RELATIVES AND CURRENT EMPLOYMENT. ~~NOT RECORDED~~

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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE: ROSENTHAL AKA ET AL SPECIAL INQUIRY;
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RENYTEL TO BUREAU, DATED NOVEMBER 13, 1984.

ON NOVEMBER 14, 1984, [REDACTED], CRIMINAL CLERK, CRIMINAL
SECTION, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED
THAT A CHECK OF RECORDS FAILED TO REFLECT ANY INFORMATION
IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE APPOINTEE. 161-18262-86

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ON NOVEMBER 14, 1984, [REDACTED], CIVIL CLERK, SOUTHERN

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DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT A CHECK OF RECORDS FAILED TO REFLECT ANY INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE APPOINTEE.

ON NOVEMBER 14, 1984, [REDACTED], CRIMINAL CLERK, EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT A CHECK OF RECORDS FAILED TO REFLECT ANY INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE APPOINTEE.

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ON NOVEMBER 14, 1984, [REDACTED], CIVIL CLERK, EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT A CHECK OF RECORDS FAILED TO REFLECT ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE.
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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE ROSENTHAL, AKA - MIDGE DECTER

MARJORIE, [REDACTED] SPIN (B); BUDED

NOVEMBER 20, 1984

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, DATED NOVEMBER 14,
1984.

PRIVACY ACT (E) (3) DATA WAS FURNISHED TO PERSONS
INTERVIEWED. EXPRESS PROMISES OF CONFIDENTIALITY, BOTH
LIMITED AND UNLIMITED, HAVE BEEN NOTED WHERE GRANTED.

ON NOVEMBER 20, 1984, [REDACTED] PUBLISHER, GAZETTE/
TELEGRAPH NEWSPAPER, 30 SOUTH PROSPECT, COLORADO SPRINGS,
COLORADO, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN OF MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ
FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS AND HAS BEEN WELL ACQUAINTED WITH
HER ON BOTH A PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL BASIS OVER THE LAST
TWO YEARS.

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[] ADVISED THAT HE AND PODHORETZ ARE BOTH FELLOWS IN THE NEO-CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT AND HE CONSIDERED HER THE OUTSTANDING SOCIAL CRITIC IN THE UNITED STATES. [] DESCRIBED THE NEO-CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT AS BEING MADE UP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE FORMER MARXISTS AND/OR SOCIALISTS WHO "HAVE BEEN MUGGED BY REALITY". [] STATED THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE AFFRAID OF A TOTALITARIAN STATE, AND OVERWEANING GOVERNMENT AND ARE EXTREMELY ANTI-SOVIET.

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[] ADVISED THAT PODHORETZ WAS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE FOR A FREE WORLD, (CFW) AND HER DUTIES WITH THIS ORGANIZATION OCCUPIED THE MAJORITY OF HER TIME.

[] DESCRIBED THE CFW AS A GROUP OF AMERICAN AND EUROPEANS WHO FORMED AN ANTI-SOVIET, ANTI-MARXIST ORGANIZATION.

[] ADVISED THAT PODHORETZ WAS ALSO A VERY FINE WRITER AND LECTURER WHO OFTEN WROTE ARTICLES FOR "COMMENTARY MAGAZINE" A PUBLICATION OF THE ERIN JISCITE, THE OWNER AND EDITOR OF WHICH IS PODHORETZ'S HUSBAND, []

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[] [] DESCRIBED THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE AS AN ANTI-SOVIET ORGANIZATION AND ADVISED THAT MOST OF THE

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ARTICLES APPEARING IN THE COMMENTARY MAGAZINE WERE POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS IN NATURE.

[] WAS QUESTIONED REGARDING PODHORETZ'S PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT FROM JUNE, 1970, TO SEPTEMBER, 1971, AND FROM JULY, 1973, UNTIL NOVEMBER, 1974, WHEN PODHORETZ WAS ALLEGEDLY WRITING BOOKS. [] STATED THIS WOULD ABSOLUTELY MAKE SENSE INASMUCH AS PODHORETZ'S WRITINGS GO BACK YEARS AND YEARS. HOWEVER, [] ADVISED THAT THIS WAS NOT ACTUALLY UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE SAME SENSE AS UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE AVERAGE WORKER. PODHORETZ ALWAYS WAS WRITING, LECTURING AND REMAINING ACTIVE, EVEN WHEN NOT SPECIFICALLY EMPLOYED BY ANY BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION.

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[] DESCRIBED PODHORETZ AS A FINE WOMAN.

[] STATED THAT PODHORETZ HAD A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR, WAS HUMBLE AND VERY BRIGHT. IN FACT, [] CONSIDERED PODHORETZ TO BE A BONIFIED INTELLECTUAL. [] CONSIDERED PODHORETZ TO BE AN EXTREMELY LOYAL HUMAN BEING TO THE UNITED STATES.

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[] ADVISED PODHORETZ WAS THE EMBODIMENT OF HONESTY AND DISCRETION AND CONSIDERED HER MORAL CHARACTER TO BE ABSOLUTELY ABOVE REPROACH. [] ADVISED PODHORETZ'S RELATIVES AND ASSOCIATES WERE ALL FINE, TRADITIONAL INDIVIDUALS. IN FACT, SMITH STATED PODHORETZ'S SON-IN-LAW, [] WAS EMPLOYED AS AN UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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[] ADVISED THAT PODHORETZ HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH ALCOHOL ABUSE OR DRUG USE AND HAD NEVER EVEN HEARD ANYTHING OF A DEROGATORY NATURE REGARDING PODHORETZ. [] COULD CONSIDER NOTHING A BIGGER WASTE OF TIME THAN A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION REGARDING PODHORETZ. [] STATED HE WOULD RECOMMEND PODHORETZ FOR ANYTHING, INCLUDING PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

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TO DIRECTOR (IMMEDIATE)

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MIDGE DECTOR PODHORETZ, NEE ROSENTHAL, AKA MIDGE DECTOR,

MARJORIE, [REDACTED] SPIN; BUDED: PAST

REFERENCE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES

DATED NOVEMBER 20, 1984.

[REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY), [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS CONTACTED ON NOVEMBER 21, 1984.

HE VERIFIED THAT APPOINTEE WAS THE FORMER EDITOR OF THE

SATURDAY REVIEW FROM 1971 TO 1973. HE DESCRIBED HER AS A

VERY STRONG-WILLED WOMAN WITH GOOD CHARACTER WHO KEPT TO HER-

SELF MUCH OF THE TIME. HE NEVER KNEW HER TO ABUSE ALCOHOL,

USE DRUGS, OR ASSOCIATE WITH DISREPUTABLE INDIVIDUALS.

[REDACTED] CONSIDERED APPOINTEE A GOOD EDITOR AS WELL AS A GOOD

WRITER.

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[REDACTED] MOST OF [REDACTED] ASSOCIATES TO BE JUSTIFIED IN HER ACTIONS.

[REDACTED] IN COMMENTING ON [REDACTED] STATED THAT SHE "MAKES A GREAT POINT OF BEING PATRIOTIC", AND WAS ACTIVE IN ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORTED UNITED STATES POLICY.

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED HER AS A "PRO-ZIONIST", WHO SEEMED TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF A LARGE AMERICAN MILITARY BUDGET BECAUSE ISRAEL WAS RECEIVING A GREAT DEAL OF UNITED STATES SUPPORT.

[REDACTED] REFUSED TO RECOMMEND APPOINTEE WITHOUT BEING TOLD TO WHAT POSITION SHE IS BEING APPOINTED, BUT STATED THAT HE LEANED TOWARD A POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION. HE KNEW OF NOTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING APPOINTEE.

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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE ROSENTHAL, AKA MIDGE DECTER, ET AL

SPIN, BUDED: NOVEMBER 20, 1984

REFERENCE NEW YORK TEL TO BUREAU, DATED NOVEMBER 19, 1984.

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ALL INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED WERE ADVISED OF THE PROVISIONS OF
THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974, AND ANY INDIVIDUAL DESIRING CONFIDENTIALITY
IS SO NOTED.

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EDUCATION

ON NOVEMBER 21, 1984, [REDACTED], REGISTRAR, JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 3080 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT A CHECK OF RECORDS REFLECTED THAT THE APPOINTEE ATTENDED THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY DURING THE FALL OF 1946 AND THE FALL OF 1947 AND EARNED 13 CREDITS. THE RECORD REFLECTED SHE WAS IN THE UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL, ATTENDING PART-TIME DURING THE EVENING. THE RECORD REFLECTED THAT SHE WAS IN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING, HOWEVER THAT IS THE ONLY INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

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NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

ON NOVEMBER 21, 1984, [REDACTED] EDITOR, HARPER'S MAGAZINE, ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE SINCE THE LATE 1960'S WHEN THE APPOINTEE WAS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THIS MAGAZINE AND HE WAS

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A CONTRIBUTING EDITOR. HE ADVISED THAT THERE ARE NO EMPLOYMENT RECORDS DATING BACK TO THE PERIOD 1966 TO 1970 WHEN THE APPOINTEE WORKED HERE, HOWEVER, HE RECALLS HER BEING HERE DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME. HE STATED THAT THE APPOINTEE WAS AN OUTSTANDING PERSON AND A VERY COMPETENT PERSON IN HER FIELD. HE DESCRIBED HER AS INTELLIGENT, CIVILIZED, DECENT AND A WOMAN WITH A GREAT DEAL OF INTEGRITY. HE STATED THAT WHEN SHE WORKED FOR HARPER'S MAGAZINE SHE WAS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MAGAZINE AND WORKED FOR THE EDITOR, [REDACTED] HE ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] BECAME INVOLVED IN AN INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE DISPUTE WITH THE OWNER OF THE MAGAZINE AND RESIGNED FROM THE MAGAZINE WHEN HE COULD NOT RUN THINGS THE WAY HE WANTED TO. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE APPOINTEE WORKED DIRECTLY FOR [REDACTED] AND THAT SHE LEFT THE MAGAZINE WHEN HE LEFT ON A PURELY VOLUNTARY BASIS. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE HAS KEPT UP CONTACT WITH THE APPOINTEE OVER THE YEARS AND STATED HE HAS NEVER HEARD ANY DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING HER. HE ADVISED THAT HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HER FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THERE WAS NO ONE PRESENTLY WORKING AT THE MAGAZINE WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN THERE WHEN THE APPOINTEE WORKED THERE.

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RECORDS OF THE CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER NEW YORK, AS CAUSED TO
BE CHECKED ON NOVEMBER 15, 1984 BY SPECIAL CLERK (SC) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], REFLECTED THAT THE APPOINTEE HAS A SATISFACTORY CREDIT
RATING.

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U N C L A S

MIDGE DECTER, PODHORETZ, NEE; ROSENTHAL, AKA MIDGE DECTER, MAJOR

[REDACTED] SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: NOVEMBER 20, 1984 (B)

REFERENCE: BUREAU TELETYPE TO SAN FRANCISCO, DATED NOVEMBER 19, 1984.

LEAD WAS SET AT SAN JOSE RA TO INTERVIEW THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, REGARDING THE APPOINTEE; 1) DOCTOR [REDACTED] AND A DOCTOR [REDACTED] BOTH OF WHOM ARE EMPLOYED AT THE HOOVER INSTITUTION, STANFORD, CALIFORNIA. INVESTIGATION HAS REVEALED THAT DOCTOR [REDACTED] IS PRESENTLY OUT OF THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES AND WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL DECEMBER, 1984. DOCTOR [REDACTED] HAS BEEN CONTACTED AND RESULTS WILL BE FURNISHED UPON INTERVIEW OF DOCTOR [REDACTED] LEAD; SAN FRANCISCO; AT STANFORD, CALIFORNIA; WILL INTERVIEW DOCTOR [REDACTED] UPON HIS RETURN IN EARLY DECEMBER, 1984.

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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, NEE ROSENTHAL, AKA MIDGE DECTER, MAGORIE,

SPIN; BUDED: PAST.

RE SAN FRANCISCO REPORT BY SA [REDACTED] DATED NOVEMBER 16, 1984.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, SEVERAL ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT APPOINTEE'S ASSOCIATES, DOCTOR [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] STANFORD, CALIFORNIA, HAVE MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. BOTH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ARE OUT OF AREA AND UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW UNTIL WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 1984.

SAN FRANCISCO WILL INTERVIEW ABOVE ASSOCIATES BETWEEN NOVEMBER 26 AND NOVEMBER 30, 1984 AND FURNISH RESULTS TO BUREAU.

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REPORTING OFFICE DENVER	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 11/26/84	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/19/84 - 11/21/84
TITLE OF CASE MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ; Nee: ROSENTHAL, aka Midge Decter, Marjorie, [redacted]		REPORT MADE BY SA [redacted]	TYPED BY [redacted]
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

REFERENCE: New York teletype to the Bureau and Baltimore, dated November 14, 1984.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Privacy Act (e)(3) data was furnished to persons interviewed. Express promises of confidentiality, both limited and unlimited, have been noted where granted.

Delay in submitting report is due to difficulty in locating [redacted] in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Also [redacted] was not available for interview until 11/19/84, because [redacted] was in Michigan.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: November 26, 1984

Office: DENVER

Field Office File #: 161B-2199

Bureau File #: 161-18262 -

Title: MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ,

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

[REDACTED]

spoke highly of appointee, describing her as one of the most able leading thinkers in a time when women's leadership appointments have been so neglected. Acquaintance advised that appointee is one of the most qualified women to be called upon to present thoughts on relevant issues vis-a-vis books and public speaking engagements. Acquaintance opined that appointee will contribute significantly to the president and his administration in the area of awareness of public policy issues and was highly recommended for any position of trust and confidence with U. S. Government. Acquaintance had no knowledge of the abuse of drugs or of alcohol abuse by appointee. Associate, [REDACTED] recommends appointee.

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SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCE

On November 19, 1984, SA [] was telephonically contacted by [] Vice President, SHAVANO INSTITUTE, 7800 East Orchard Road, Suite 320, Englewood, Colorado, telephone number (303) 279-6536, advising that the institute is a non-political Public Policy Center which conducts nationwide seminars on current issues, publishes and produces radio and television programs on relevant issues. [] advised that he has employed the appointee several times during the past three years, which approximates the length of time that he had known MIDGE DECTER PRODHORETZ, whom he refers to as MRS. DECTER.

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[] advised that the SHAVANO INSTITUTE (SI) is a separate division of HILLSDALE COLLEGE in Hillsdale, Michigan, a privately funded, independant Liberal Arts College. [] founded SI with the college President, [] in Denver, Colorado, in 1981.

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MRS. DECTER has spoken repeatedly at seminars sponsored by SI on a multitude of topics. She was a featured speaker in early August, 1984, when she spoke in Michigan. The topic of discussion was "Defending Freedom and Keeping the Peace" and DECTER was one of eight speakers on nuclear disarmament.

[] advised that the appointee is a well respected editor and has authored numerous books, among them "Liberal Parents - Radical Children." [] advised that he has read a lot of DECTER's work, and greatly admires her writing ability, logical development of thought and philosophical orientation, which is much like his own and that of the SI, which he described as "neo-conservative." [] described the appointee as having become part of a "neo-conservative movement and politics" as a result of her husband's interest and contacts as Editor of "COMMENTARY MAGAZINE." [] advised that the appointee is an able commentator on social trends, in the larger context of political debates in this country. MRS. DECTER has expertise in policy areas with which SI is concerned, [] opined, and is a person with similar views and values to those individuals with whom SI is associated, such as members of the HOOVER INSTITUTION, [] members of the Ethics of the Public Policy Center in Washington, D. C., and SCAISE FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST, which is a Philanthropic Organization oriented toward Public Policy Centers.

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[] opined that MRS. DECTER is always prepared, not prone to error in statistics or delivery, and is one of the most able and leading thinkers that he can recall in a time when women's leadership roles have been so neglected, and deserve more emphasises. [] used MRS. DECTER as one of the nation's most qualified women to be called upon to serve this country and rated her character and fitness to serve at the very highest of any rating scale. The appointee's loyalty is unquestionable, as are her reputation and associates. [] views her as an exceptional American, thinker, leader, contributor, and one who thoroughly understands issues. If confirmed by the Senate, [] opined that MRS. DECTER will significantly contribute to this administration and bring forth a femanine view point based in strength, knowledge, education, and travel.

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[] advised that the use of illegal drugs by MRS. DECTER is inconceivable to him and in his professional relationship with her he had never observed alcohol abuse. MRS. DECTER is highly respected and regarded and [] was pleased to have had the opportunity to comment and to highly recommend her.

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ASSOCIATES

[REDACTED]

Publisher
GAZETTE-TELEGRAPH NEWSPAPER
30 South Prospect
Colorado Springs, Colorado

[REDACTED] advised he has known of a MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ for approximately ten years and has been well acquainted with her on both a professional and social basis over the last two years.

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[REDACTED] advised he and PODHORETZ are both fellows in the "neoconservative movement" and he considered her the outstanding social critic in the United States. [REDACTED] described the "neoconservative" movement as being made up of individuals who were former Marxist and/or Socialists, "who have been mugged by reality". [REDACTED] stated these individuals were afraid of a totalitarian state and "over-weaning" government and are extremely anti-soviet.

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[REDACTED] advised PODHORETZ was Executive Secretary of the COMMITTEE FOR A FREE WORLD (CFW), and her duties with this organization occupied the majority of her time. [REDACTED] described the CFW as a group of Americans and Europeans who formed an anti-soviet, anti-marxist organization.

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[REDACTED] advised PODHORETZ was also a very fine writer and lecturer who often wrote articles for "Commentary Magazine," a publication of the AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, the owner and editor of which is PODHORETZ'S husband, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] described the AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE as an anti-soviet organization and advised that most of the articles appearing in "Commentary Magazine" were political or religious in nature.

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[REDACTED] was questioned regarding the applicant's periods of unemployment from June of 1970, to September of 1971, and from July of 1973, to November of 1974, when PODHORETZ was allegedly writing books. [REDACTED] stated this would absolutely make sense inasmuch as PODHORETZ writings go back years and years. However, [REDACTED] advised this was not actually unemployment, in the same sense as unemployment

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for the average worker. PODHORETZ always was writing, lecturing and remaining active even when not specifically employed by any business or organization.

[] described PODHORETZ as the finest woman I know. [] stated PODHORETZ had a good sense of humor, was humble, and very bright; in fact, [] considered PODHORETZ to be a bonifide intellectual.

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[] considered PODHORETZ to be a most loyal human being to the United States.

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[] advised PODHORETZ was the embodiment of honesty and discretion and considered her moral character to be absolutely above reproach.

[] advised PODHORETZ's relatives and associates were all fine, traditional type individuals. [] noted that PODHORETZ's son-in-law, [] was employed as an Under Secretary of State for the United States Government.

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[] advised that PODHORETZ had no alcohol abuse or drug use. In fact, [] said he could consider nothing bigger waste of time than a back ground investigation regarding PODHORETZ. [] stated he would recommend PODHORETZ for anything, including President of the United States.

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Comments of [] were obtained on November 21, 1984, and he was advised of the provision of the Privacy Act.

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REPORTING OFFICE PITTSBURGH	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 11/26/84	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/19/84
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ADMINISTRATIVE

All individuals contacted during the course of this investigation were apprised of the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, and none requested confidentiality.

Pittsburgh indices contained no identifiable information regarding associate of appointee,

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Title: MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Business associate highly recommends appointee
for a position of trust and confidence.

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DETAILS:

BUSINESS ASSOCIATES

On November 19, 1984, [redacted], President, SARAH SCAIFE FOUNDATION, 3 Mellon Bank Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (PA), furnished the following information:

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He is also the Treasurer and Trustee of the CARTHAGE FOUNDATION, another charitable organization funded by the SCAIFE'S.

He first met the appointee in approximately 1978, when she was the Editor of BASIC BOOKS.

In June of 1980, the CARTHAGE FOUNDATION began funding the Committee for the Free World which was organized by the appointee.

As background, [redacted] advised the appointee has always been an activist who associated with a particular group of writers and other activists who were concerned with ideas and publishing ventures. In 1980, the Committee for the Free World was set up by the appointee with the Board of Directors consisting of well-known writers from both the United States and foreign countries. All of these individuals were concerned with the preservation of western traditions and values. Many of these same people had previously been active, and in some ways supportive of some counter culture activities in the past. They eventually saw the directions being taken by these counter culture activities and became effective spokesmen to counter some of these counter culture ideas. [redacted] characterized them as neo-conservatives and felt the appointee was very effective, along with other members of the Committee for the Free World, in publishing and being spokesman for the preservation of western values and traditions.

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[redacted] stated the appointee was an activist and has been active for most of her life in editing and publication. He recalled the appointee was responsible for a conference in London, England, during the spring of 1984, in which many dissidents from Communist dominated countries were

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brought together so their voices against Communist domination could be heard. The appointee was also responsible for a conference in New York City approximately 1½ years ago which was critical of writers in small influential papers and magazines.

[] stated the appointee is highly respected, both for her ability and personality, although some individuals would be critical of her. He cited that, in appointee's early work, she was critical of the radical feminist movement and supported articles in favor of traditional family values. Due to this stance, many feminists are still against the appointee.

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[] stated the appointee associates with a small group of east coast influential people, who he considered to be the intelligentsia, whose world revolves around ideas and their discussions.

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He did indicate that many of these associates, over two to three decades ago, were young Trotskyites and/or Marxists, but they had since changed their persuasion and become active defenders of the United States political system. He indicated everyone was aware of their former activities. In fact, he has heard [] the former head of the UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY, characterize the appointee as a person who "has a lot of baggage from years ago, but everyone knows it".

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[] felt appointee had no friends who would embarrass her or anyone else because of her association with them. He did feel that because of her activist stance in many situations, there would be factions who would oppose any appointment given to her. He felt these opponents would be very predictable, but would not be able to bring any justifiable criticism of the appointee to light.

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Appointee's reputation has always been excellent and there has never been any reason to question her honesty, integrity, or other moral characteristics. Appointee is an articulate defender of traditional western values and someone

who personally subscribes and practices these values. She possesses sound judgement and many of her friends and associates depend on her for this ability to both judge people and professional activities.

[] has never had any reason to question appointee's loyalty to the United States nor has he ever known appointee to use drugs or abuse alcohol. He is unaware of any embarrassing situations or information which could be used to compromise appointee.

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[] stated he has no hesitancy whatever in recommending appointee for a position of high trust and confidence with the United States Government. He considers the appointee to be one of the very best people in her field of expertise, which he described as publishing critical reviews of publications and working with young writers and scholars in developing new ideas and defending traditional ones. He felt the appointee exerts an excellent influence on the people she associates with and has an ability to inspire and bring out the best in these individuals.

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MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ

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Date:

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Field Office File #: 161-9474

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Title: MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Vacation residence at East Hampton, New York, verified.
No neighbors could comment concerning appointee and
family members. Arrest records negative.

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DETAILS

Neighborhood

12 Settlers Landing Lane
East Hampton, New York

Attempts were made on November 15, 1984 to contact the following individuals in the vicinity on captioned residence with negative results.

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[REDACTED] United States Postal Inspectors, Garden City, New York, advised on November 19, 1984, that her records show that the appointee and her family have a current summer residence at 12 Settlers Landing Lane, East Hampton, New York. She stated that this residence has been maintained by the appointee since 1978.

Arrest

Chief THOMAS SCOTT, EAST HAMPTON TOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT, East Hampton, New York, advised on November 15, 1984, that the area in the vicinity of 12 Settlers Landing Lane, East Hampton, New York, is primarily a summer vacation community, hence, there would be no one presently residing in that area who could comment concerning the appointee.

Chief SCOTT stated that after a review of his files he could locate nothing identifiable with the appointee or her husband.

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New York rep of SA [redacted] dated 11/16/84, and New York
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ADMINISTRATIVE

All persons interviewed were advised of the provisions of the Privacy
Act of 1974, and any individual desiring such confidentiality is so noted.

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Bureau File #: 161-18262-

Title: MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Education verified. Employment verified, favorable.
Credit satisfactory.

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DETAILS:

Education

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
3080 Broadway
New York, New York

On November 21, 1984, [REDACTED], Registrar, JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 3080 Broadway, New York, New York, advised that a check of records reflected that the appointee attended the JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY during the Fall of 1946 and the Fall of 1947 and earned 13 credits. The record reflected she was in the undergraduate school, attending part-time during the evening. The record reflected that she was in good academic standing, however that is the only information available.

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Employment

HARPER'S MAGAZINE
2 Park Avenue
New York City, New York

On November 21, 1984, [REDACTED], Editor, HARPER'S MAGAZINE, advised that he has known the appointee since the late 1960's when the appointee was the Executive Director of this magazine and he was a contributing editor. He advised that there are no employment records dating back to the period 1966 to 1970 when the appointee worked here, however, he recalls her being here during that period of time. He stated that the appointee was an outstanding person and a very competent person in her field. He described her as intelligent, civilized, decent and a woman with a great deal of integrity. He stated that when she worked for HARPER'S MAGAZINE she was the Executive Director of the magazine and worked for the Editor, [REDACTED]. He advised that [REDACTED] became involved in an internal administrative dispute with the owner of the magazine and resigned from the magazine when he could not run things the way he wanted to. [REDACTED] advised that the appointee worked directly for [REDACTED] and that she left the magazine when he left on a purely voluntary basis. [REDACTED] advised that he has kept up contact with the appointee over the years and stated he has never heard any derogatory information concerning her. He advised that he would highly recommend her for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government. [REDACTED] advised that there was no one presently working at the magazine who would have been there when the appointee worked there.

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Credit,

Records of the CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER NEW YORK, as caused to be checked on November 15, 1984 by Special Clerk (SC) [redacted], reflected the appointee has a satisfactory credit rating.

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Re Denver report of SA [REDACTED], dated
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Leaders Confront Ideas At Shavano Seminars

IRVING KRISTOL
Editor, Public Opinion
Keystone, Colorado
February 1984



Economic education for a citizen of a democratic capitalist society should have the aim of teaching him as much economics as Adam Smith knew and no more.

Because affluence tends to corrupt people's sense of appropriate economic behavior, they need to learn the way markets work to the general interest, and that when you interfere with markets there are costs.

We also have a problem of political leadership. The battle of ideas is never won simply by intellectuals on one side or the other. Ideas need to be attached to political leaders who show their viability in the real world and then mobilize popular support behind them. Conservatism in the United States has, on the whole, not produced that leadership.

ARNAUD de BORCHGRAVE
Co-author *The Spike, Monimbo*
Keystone, Colorado
September 1983

Worried about the news? You should be. America's understanding of Soviet-

Cuban global strategy is clouded through censorship-by-omission in the national press, and sometimes by deliberate media distortion. Reporting seems designed to transform our sworn enemies into misunderstood innocents. The national plague of self-hatred has to stop. Americans need a war of liberation from self-delusion.

MIDGE DECTER
Shavano Distinguished Fellow
Chicago, Illinois
January 1984

The business community must cease believing that ideas are not its business or that money can buy some kind of intellectual truce. Such appeasement is no longer a viable alternative.

What is needed now is for American business to stand up and reaffirm itself — not only for its own interest in the short run, but for the interest of the entire society.

FRANK SHAKESPEARE
President, RKO General
Shavano Trustee
North Pole Basin, Colorado
August 1983

The outlook for the free world is brighter today than it has been for some time past, not because of political or strategic factors, but because of the presence on the world scene of three extraordinary spiritual figures: Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Malcolm Muggeridge, and John Paul II. Each of these giants understands that the East-West struggle is fundamentally a struggle over the nature of man — is he a child of God, or merely the highest of the animals? — and they are helping to focus the issue in these terms for the United States and its friends and allies. And President Reagan not only grasps this essential point, but he has the courage to come out and say so, as he showed in his "evil empire" remark to the Christian broadcasters convention.

Reagan, Buckley, Gilder Praise 'Creative Outreach'

Ronald Reagan's personal tribute to the leadership work of Shavano and Hillsdale capped a two-day Institute program in Florida, February 9-10. "Hillsdale deserves the appreciation of all who labor for freedom," the President said in a videotaped message. "Your creative outreach on national issues enables little Hillsdale to cast such a long shadow."

The message made Reagan a surprise "guest" at the Palm Beach testimonial dinner where George Roche, president of Shavano and Hillsdale, presented a Freedom Leadership Award to U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick. Earlier, 120 participants from several states had attended an all-day Shavano seminar on the war of ideas, and the trustees of Shavano and Hillsdale had held a joint board meeting.

Other grace notes in the Shavano Institute's 1983-84 national seminar series came from William F. Buckley, Jr. of *National Review* and from George Gilder, author of the forthcoming *Spirit of Enterprise*.

"American values today suffer from



William Buckley and George Roche conversing at Nashville.

severe image problems which, through clear thinking, the Shavano Institute seeks to dispel," Buckley said at Nashville on November 18.

At Dallas on October 3, Gilder had reflected in a similar vein on his education at Harvard: "People have to understand that Hillsdale really is better. Because Hillsdale teaches its students the great values — family, country, religion, political and economic freedom — while the Ivy League and many other fashionable schools now ignore those values or actively discourage them."



Admiral Stansfield Turner on Counterpoint set.

TV Debates; Six Shows Aired, Two More Planned

Counterpoint, Shavano's television debate series where liberal and conservative advocates face off for an hour on the issues, continues to reach national audiences.

South Carolina Educational Television is the presenting station for national satellite distribution of two more **Counterpoint** programs during April. PBS stations across the country will have the option of broadcasting to their communities:

- *The Future of Nuclear Deterrence* — Gen. Daniel O. Graham vs. Adm. Stansfield Turner.
- *The Church and World Politics* — Rev. Edmund Robb, Institute on Religion and Democracy, vs. William P. Thompson, World Council of Churches.

Earlier shows in the series, still being rebroadcast on local public channels and cable stations in many areas, have included:

- *The Roles of Government and Business*
- *Unions in Politics: Whom Do They Represent?*
- *Which Way to Disarmament?*
- *Welfare: Whose Responsibility?*

George Roche, host and moderator of the Shavano TV debates, plans to film two more programs in the series in Washington this June. Educational excellence and media fairness are the probable topics.

Q&A About The Shavano Experience

What kind of companies have sent their executives?

- Chase Manhattan Bank
- Atlantic Richfield Company
- Adolph Coors Company
- Ammco Tools
- Hunt-Wesson Foods
- Reader's Digest
- Stedman Corporation
- Beckett Paper Company
- Petro-Lewis Corporation
- Vouput Corporation
- Weyerhaeuser Company
- National Can Corporation

What are some of the resolutions recent seminars have adopted?

- Amend the Constitution to require a balanced budget and give President line-item veto power.
- Deregulate education through a voucher system; return control to states, phasing out U.S. Department of Education.
- Citizen action to encourage media accountability and objectivity.
- Voice of America: Better funding, stronger moral and spiritual content in VOA broadcasts.
- Support for High Frontier nonnuclear strategic defense system.

Responsibility of business to educate employees and public in how capitalism works.

Who has received grants from the American Leaders Fellowships?

- a Colorado journalist
- a Massachusetts anthropologist
- an Alaska lawyer
- a Montana economist
- a Minnesota nun
- an Alabama manager
- a Washington theologian
- an Oregon publisher
- a Texas professor
- a Tennessee educator
- a California secretary
- an Illinois student
- a Florida legislative aide
- a West Virginia editor
- a Vermont professor
- an Idaho farmer
- an Ohio engineer
- a New York businesswoman

1984 Leadership Series To Examine 'Politics And More'

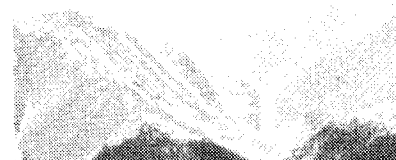
During this year of political decision, the Shavano leadership seminars will move in for a closer focus on the relationship between enduring American values and short-term power struggles within our democratic system. The seminars will travel to every region of the country in order to engage top leaders from the private sector in a dialogue on major public issues of the day.

"Leadership '84: Politics and More" is the topic of these three-day sessions, each featuring five major speakers and a seminar group limited to 100 participants.

Locations and dates will include:

- **June 17-19 - Keystone, Colorado**
- **August 2-4 - Northern Michigan**
- **August 26-28 - Mid-Atlantic**
- **September 23-25 - Santa Barbara, California**
- **October 26-28 - Hilton Head, South Carolina**

For information and reservations, use the reply envelope accompanying this newsletter, or write to the Shavano Institute, 7800 East Orchard Road, Englewood CO 80111.



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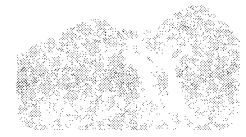
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Views from Shavano

Is a Sea-Change of Ideas Underway?

by George C. Roche

Throughout history there have been formative moments in which particular leaders come forward and have a profound impact on the character and events of a nation.

Motivated primarily by two ideas, the Thomas Jefferson limited government idea and the Adam Smith free enterprise ideas, our Founding Fathers charted our national path toward limited government, the dignity of free men, and the marvelous prosperity we have enjoyed in this country.

The next great sea-change in ideas came around the turn of the twentieth century.

Unfortunately, the path charted in the early years of this century favored the collective over the individual, redirecting America on an increasingly hazardous path as the century progressed. The momentum for collectivism was imparted not by public figures but by little-known men of ideas.

Now there are signs all around us that, with the election of Ronald Reagan in 1980, freedom and the individual are making themselves heard again. But this may or may not signal the decisive emergence of conservative personalities and policies as the new American political establishment, because we are still in a

time of extraordinary flux, another sea-change.

The real battle is the battle of ideas — and that battle is just beginning. We can play a part in guiding the formation and direction of the new world that is emerging.

George Roche, president of Hillsdale College, serves as the dean of Shavano's seminars and moderator of its television debate series. These remarks are from his lecture at an August 1984 seminar at The Greenbrier in West Virginia, attended by 40 participants from 15 states.

Responsibility and Illusion

by Midge Decter

Freedom — as people must discover and rediscover in every generation — is a great burden.

A free individual must be responsible for himself and, to the extent that he wishes to be an adult and experience life to the fullest, for others as well. He must make his choices and accept the consequences of his behavior. He must take strength from his successes and pay for his failures. His days will be full of effort and worry, and they will require his courage: moral, physical, and spiritual.

The same is true — though of course in slightly different terms — for a free society. Its preservation and defense must in-

volve a continuous, and literally endless, effort.

The temptation is always there to give up. This temptation offers itself to us in the guise of a number of illusions: There must be quick solutions to our problems, say the tempter and the tempted. We have no enemies really, or we *need* have no enemies if we but behave ourselves properly. The best defense is a vulnerability so complete, so unmistakable, that our harmlessness will turn away the wrath of those who wish us ill. And finally, the most sinfully tempting illusion of all: that if we declare good to be bad, refuse to take our nourishment and blessing from it, we will magically be presented with something even better.

This last illusion is an especially American illusion. Unless it is exposed over and over again to the cold light of day and in each of its many disguises, it will do us in long before the first Russian ever lands on our shore.

We are not, must not be, ready to be done in. It is time for us, then, to begin to take up our responsibility with steady, quiet good cheer.

Midge Decter is executive director of the Committee for the Free World and a Distinguished Fellow of the Shavano Institute. These remarks are from her lecture at an August 1984 seminar at Hidden Valley in Michigan, attended by 40 participants from eight states.



NATIONAL LEADERSHIP: Shavano has spanned the country during 1984, producing 11 leadership seminars and two "Counterpoint" television debates at the locations shown. Views from six of the seminars appear in this issue.

Primer on the Deficit

by Edwin J. Feulner, Jr.

We're either spending too much or taxing too little. In order to find out which, Peter Grace, chairman of the President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control, performs a little exercise of comparison. He compares the years 1962 and 1983.

1962 was the first full year of the Kennedy Administration. Real GNP was up 5.8%; inflation was 1.8%; the prime rate was 4.5%; the total federal deficit was \$7.1 billion or 1.3% of GNP.

By comparison, 1983 had a record deficit of \$207.8 billion or 6.4% of GNP.

But while federal revenues in 1962 were 18.2% of GNP, in 1983 they were still only 18.6%. To get back to the 1962 revenue level on a percentage basis, we would actually have to *cut* taxes another \$12.9 billion. In 1962, federal spending was 19.5% of GNP — in 1983 it was 25.0%. To get back to the 1962 percentage level we would have to *cut* spending \$177.6 billion.

Defense accounted for 9.4% of GNP in 1962. In 1983 it was only 6.0%. We would have to *add* \$109.8 billion to defense spending in 1983 to reach the same per-

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centage level as 1962. Social welfare spending, on the other hand, increased from 5.6% of GNP in 1962 to 13.0% in 1983, and the difference cost us an additional \$238.9 billion in 1983.

The effect of holding both revenue and outlays to the same percentages of GNP in 1983 as in 1962 would be a \$164.7 billion reduction in the deficit — just about the whole deficit as currently estimated.

Edwin J. Feulner, Jr., is president of The Heritage Foundation and a member of the Hillsdale Associates. These remarks are from his lecture at a September 1984 seminar in St. Louis, Missouri, attended by 70 participants from five states.

A Young Movement For Old Principles

by Barry M. Goldwater

A conservative wants to base his judgments and actions for the future on the successes of the past. A conservative is not unwilling to try new ideas, but if there is anything in those ideas that indicates that they have been tried before and failed, then we're inclined not to go.

For example, socialism is an old idea in this world. It has never worked. It has never produced anything for anybody. Yet we still have people who are willing to change our free enterprise system to a socialist system because they think it might work.

The ideology of conservatism is probably the oldest and most consistently successful ideology that we have. Why has it been reborn in these last few years? Not solely because of President Reagan, although he has been a tremendous help. It's also because of the younger people in America, people who want to become successful on their own, the young, ambitious people who understand the Constitution and our way of life even better than their fathers and mothers understand it.

I think, therefore, that we're going to see a rather long period of conservative control of the Congress and of our courts, particularly the Supreme Court.

Barry M. Goldwater, the longtime Senator from Arizona, was the Republican candidate for President in 1964. These remarks are from his television message to a September 1984 seminar in Santa Barbara, California, attended by 50 participants from 12 states.

The Natural System of Liberty

by Michael Novak

Smith, Montesquieu, Tocqueville, Jefferson, Madison, Hamilton, and Franklin envisioned and helped to realize a "natural system of liberty," open to all human beings everywhere.

Basic to this system are the concepts of (1) original sin and the division of powers; (2) creativity and invention; (3) confidence in the human person and in his freely chosen communities; and (4) an emphasis both upon cooperation and upon such notions as compromise, the loyal opposition, and the right to dissent.

In 1945, Japan had been virtually destroyed in war. Even today, Japan is almost 100 percent energy-dependent. Its total size is that of the state of Montana and, like Montana, it is mainly mountain-natural resources, except climate.

Compare Japan to Brazil. Brazil may be the single wealthiest nation on earth in terms of natural resources. Brazil is the size of the entire continental United States. The populations of Brazil and Japan are almost identical: about 118 million. Yet tiny Japan, not particularly blessed by nature, produces today ten percent of gross world product. Brazil, fabulously blessed by nature, produces less than one percent and is ninety billion dollars in debt.

Boot Camp for Idea-Leaders

by David LesStrang

It is vital that individuals recognize that ideas rule the world and that all of our social, political, and economic problems have a moral and spiritual base. This knowledge, used properly, can equip us to help replace authoritarian governments with free ones.

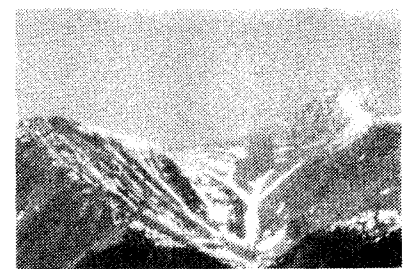
After a needed dose of idealism/realism at the Shavano Keystone seminar, I have returned to Washington, D.C. and am now fulfilling my personal action commitment as an idea-leader, working under the direction of M. Stanton Evans at *Human Events*, the national conservative weekly.

For me, the Shavano Institute has been an incredible "boot camp" in the war of ideas.

David LesStrang of Traverse City, Michigan, is a senior at Hillsdale College and editor of the college's weekly newspaper. He made these comments after participating in a May 1984 seminar in Colorado, attended by 45 students and faculty from eight states and six different colleges or universities.

This example illustrates three points. First, wealth is not caused by the possession of great natural resources, but rather by intellect: by the underlying *idea* of order or system, by invention, by disciplined cooperation and concern for savings and investment in the future, and by creative economic activism. Second, a nation such as Japan need not be Jewish or Christian in order to make "the natural system of liberty" work. Third, this system has two crucial effects: it protects institutions of human rights and it typically produces economic development.

Michael Novak is a resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, and the winner of a Freedoms Foundation medal and Proud of It, published by Imprimis in October 1983. These remarks are from his lecture at a June 1984 seminar in Keystone, Colorado, attended by 36 participants from 13 states.



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Honorable Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fielding:

In accordance with a request received from you on November 11, 1984, an investigation has been conducted concerning Mrs. Nidge Decker Podhoretz. Transmitted herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation.

When additional interviews and a check of the records of the Office of Personnel Management have been completed, you will be advised.

Sincerely yours,

Oliver B. Revell
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Assistant Director
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NOTE: Mrs. Podhoretz, who is currently the Executive Director of the Committee for the Free World, New York, New York, is being considered for an unspecified Presidential appointment requiring Senate confirmation. Investigation is favorable and complete, except for additional interviews and the GPM check.

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MIDGE DECTER/PODHORETZ

THE INVESTIGATION OF MRS. PODHORETZ COVERED INQUIRIES IN THE UNITED STATES AS TO HER CHARACTER, LOYALTY, AND GENERAL STANDING, BUT NO INQUIRIES WERE MADE AS TO THE SOURCES OF HER INCOME.

Birth

Mrs. Podhoretz was born on July 25, 1927, in Saint Paul, Minnesota, as ~~Marjorie Rosenthal~~. Mrs. Podhoretz has indicated that Midge is her professional name, although Marjorie is her legal first name.

Education

Mrs. Podhoretz was graduated from Saint Paul Central High School, Saint Paul, Minnesota, in June, 1945.

Mrs. Podhoretz attended the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, from January, 1945, to June, 1946, receiving no degree.

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Mrs. Podhoretz also attended the Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, New York, from 1946 to 1947 (exact dates not recorded), on a part-time basis, receiving no degree.

Military Service

Mrs. Podhoretz has indicated no prior military service.

Employment

During the period from 1947 to November, 1954, Mrs. Podhoretz was employed on an intermittent part-time and full-time basis as an office worker in New York, New York, and Glen Oaks, New York. Two of these employments could not be verified as no employment records are available and the whereabouts of former supervisors and co-workers are unknown.

November, 1954, to
April, 1956

Commentary Magazine,
New York, New York, as a secretary

April, 1956, to
January, 1957

Midstream Magazine, New York,
New York, as an editorial

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assistant. This could not be verified as no employment records are available and the whereabouts of former supervisors and co-workers are unknown.

September, 1964, to
January, 1965

Hudson Institute, Croton-on-Hudson, New York, as an editor

February, 1966, to
August, 1967

Columbia Records, New York, New York, as an editor of special projects

August, 1967, to
June, 1970

Harper's Magazine, New York, New York, as editor

September, 1971, to
June, 1980

Basic Books, New York, New York, as senior editor

September, 1980, to
the present

Committee for the Free World, New York, New York, as executive director

When not engaged as stated above Mrs. Podhoretz was performing the duties of a housewife and residing in New York, New York.

Family Status

Mrs. Podhoretz is married to [redacted] who she has indicated is a United States citizen. They reside at 120 East 81st Street, New York, New York.

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Information has been received from the District Court of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, Minnesota, indicating Mrs. Podhoretz was divorced from Moshe Decter on August 18, 1955.

Moshe Decter could not be interviewed as his current whereabouts is unknown.

Mrs. Podhoretz's mother, Rose Calmenson Rosenthal, is deceased. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Podhoretz has listed the following living close relatives:

Father

Harry Rosenthal
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Sister

Sheva Rosenthal Bernstein
Washington, D. C.

Midge Decter Podhoretz

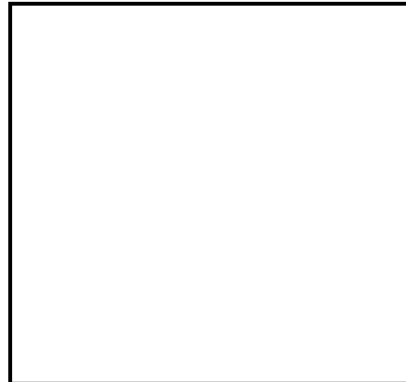
Sister Constance Rosenthal Field
Mendota Heights, Minnesota

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Based on the background information furnished by Mrs. Podhoretz, she has no close relatives residing in communist-controlled countries.

Interviews

Twenty-five persons, consisting of current and former supervisors and co-workers, colleagues, present neighbors, references, associates, and social acquaintances, were interviewed. They advised Mrs. Podhoretz is a loyal American whose character, reputation, and associates are above reproach. Several of her associates described her as an intelligent, compassionate, and considerate individual. One associate stated Mrs. Podhoretz was a morally responsible person who has a strong personality and strong convictions. It was also stated that she is one of America's most influential intellectuals. One individual commented that Mrs. Podhoretz has written several books and is highly regarded by her peers. No one knew her to use illegal drugs or abuse alcohol. All persons interviewed recommended her for a position of trust and responsibility.

Among those interviewed are the following:

[redacted] Special Assistant to the Attorney
General, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

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[redacted] Syndicated Columnist, Chevy Chase,
Maryland

Richard B. Allen, former National Security Advisor to the President and President of the Richard B. Allen Company, Washington, D. C.

Midge Decter Podhoretz

[redacted], Chairman, National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities, Washington, D. C.

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[redacted], Managing Editor, Basic Books, New York, New York

[redacted], Publisher, Gazette/Telegraph Newspaper, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from appropriate credit reporting agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mrs. Podhoretz.

Information has been received from appropriate law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain no record concerning Mrs. Podhoretz or her close relatives.

Agency Checks

Information has been received from the United States Secret Service and the White House Office indicating their files contain no record concerning Mrs. Podhoretz.

Information has been received from the Central Intelligence Agency indicating its files contain no record concerning Mrs. Podhoretz or her daughter, [redacted]

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Central files at FBI Headquarters and in field divisions, files of the Identification Division and appropriate computer data bases contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mrs. Podhoretz.

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Title:

MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ

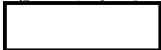
Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:


Contact made with references at Stanford University at the Hoover Institute. Both references recommended Appointee highly.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent 

REFERENCE

AT STANFORD, CALIFORNIA:

On November 21, 1984, , a Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University, advised that he has known the Appointee since 1976. He stated that his relationship with the Appointee was that she was the editor for his first and second books which were published. He characterized the Appointee as a very fine individual of high intelligence and character. He added that her loyalty to the United States was absolutely unquestioned. He stated that she also had an unblemished reputation and could think of no adverse information concerning the Appointee's background. He added that the Appointee had published several books and articles involving national policy issues, as well as women's issues.

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He stated that the Appointee was an individual who was extremely honest and trustworthy and was also considered to be very reliable. He stated that the Appointee has a very good sense of discretion and also had extremely good judgement. He advised that he had no knowledge whatsoever, that the Appointee had ever used drugs, nor if she had ever used alcohol to excess. He stated that he sees the Appointee perhaps once or twice a year.

He also stated that the Appointee had a very warm and open personality and was a very caring individual. He added that she was not overly gregarious, however, was an extremely good public speaker. He stated that she could be aggressive if needed, in terms of supporting what she believed in, however, was not considered to be untactful in her dealings with people. He also stated that she appeared to be in good health and that he had had occasion to observe her while under pressure during meetings of various committees both nationally and internationally. He added that she is used to working long hours as has been her custom in the publishing business and that she has a conservative outlook on political issues.

He concluded by saying that he believed that the Appointee would make an excellent choice for any position of

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trust and confidence within the government and that he would absolutely recommend her for the position being sought.

On November 21, 1984, contact was made with the office of Dr. [redacted], and the secretary advised that Dr. [redacted] was unavailable for interview. She stated that Dr. [redacted] was not expected to return from an overseas trip until December 8, 1984.

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On December 10, 1984, an attempt was made to contact Dr. [redacted], however, the secretary stated that she did not believe that Dr. [redacted] had as yet returned from his overseas trip. Several attempts had previously been made to contact Dr. [redacted], without success.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

REFERENCE

AT STANFORD, CALIFORNIA:

On December 12, 1984, [REDACTED] a Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University, advised that he has known the Appointee for about thirty years. He stated that she had been a secretary to the Editor of a commentary magazine. He also was socially acquainted with both her first and second husbands and families. He characterized her as being an individual of outstanding character and reputation. He added that her loyalty to the United States was absolutely unquestioned. He added that he was certain that she had never used drugs, nor had she used alcohol to excess.

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He further advised that the Appointee was an individual of honest and trustworthy disposition and he also considered her to be highly reliable. He had observed her over the years and noted that she had an excellent sense of discretion and always exhibited good judgement.

He added that he could recall a situation in which she was the recipient of a rather vicious literary attack on her stance against gays. He explained that she was a staunch anti-communist and also very conservative in ideology. This article purportedly appeared about three years ago in the Nation Magazine which is owned by one [REDACTED] who was described by DR. [REDACTED] as a "known Communist" and whose father was also a communist. The Appointee was unperturbed by the article and manifested that she was calm and unflappable in the face of adversity.

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DR. [REDACTED] stated that the Appointee would make an excellent choice for the Radio Marti position which he suspected she was being considered for. He added that she had been a respected member of the White House Fellows Board, in which she had also served with an Admiral STOCKDALE, who was presently assigned to the Hoover Institution.

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He concluded by saying that he would highly recommend the Appointee for whatever position she was being considered for by the White House.

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TITLE OF CASE MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
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REFERENCE:

Bureau teletype to San Francisco, 12/10/84; San Francisco report of SA [REDACTED] 12/2/84.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Where appropriate, Privacy Act (e) (3) data was furnished to persons interviewed. Express promises of confidentiality, both limited and unlimited, have been noted where granted.

Indices checked at San Francisco negative for Appointee.

This report submitted supplemental to referenced report, since other interviews were not included in original report.

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For information of the Bureau, the reason this matter was delayed in reporting past the deadline was due to the fact that Associates of the Appointee were unavailable for interview prior to expiration of the Bureau deadline. Reasons for the delay were reported separately in two teletypes from San Francisco to the Bureau, dated November 21 and 23, respectively.

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Title:

MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:


Associates at San Francisco, Berkeley, and Aptos, California
all interviewed and recommend Appointee.

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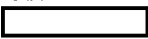


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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent 

AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA:

On November 15, 1984, , Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, California, telephone number (415)848-3580 advised that he has known Appointee for approximately twelve years. He met the Appointee in connection with an article he was writing and their association blossomed into a friendship.  considers Appointee to be a very decent, honest and fine citizen. Appointee's reputation in the community is of the highest and  has never questioned the Appointee's loyalty to the United States. He advised that the Appointee does not use alcohol to excess and does not use drugs to the best of his knowledge.  stated that he would most definitely recommend Appointee for a position of trust with the United States government.

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On November 15, 1984, , Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, California telephone (415)642-4633 advised that he has know the Appointee since approximately 1976. He considers their association to be both professional and social. Both individuals have deep interests in Political Science and frequently discuss political issues.  advised that Appointee has a superb background and an unquestionable reputation. All of the Appointee's associates have the highest reputation.  has never questioned Appointee's loyalty to the United States and considers Appointee to be a tremendous asset to this nation. He would recommend her most highly for any position with the United States government.  advised that he is not aware of any alcohol or drug use on the part of the Appointee.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA:

On November 16, 1984, [REDACTED] President, World Without War Council, Berkeley, California, telephone (415)841-5259, advised that he has known the Appointee for the past twenty years. Their relationship is both professional and social. [REDACTED] stated that the Appointee has an excellent reputation in the community and enjoys an intellectual group of associates and friends. He characterized the Appointee as a mature, able, and responsible individual. As far as [REDACTED] is aware, the Appointee does not use drugs and does not drink alcohol to excess. [REDACTED] has never questioned Appointee's loyalty to the United States government and would recommend her highly for any position of trust with the United States.

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On November 16, 1984, [REDACTED] Professor of Political Science, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, California, telephone (415)525-3836 advised that he has known the Appointee for approximately six years. He considers his association with the Appointee to be both professional and social. [REDACTED] described Appointee as enormously talented and a very bright individual. Appointee is a tremendously interesting individual and a significant author of various books on politics and culture. [REDACTED] stated that the Appointee has a deep sense of patriotism for the United States. He would whole heartedly recommend the Appointee for a position of trust with the United States. According to [REDACTED] Appointee does not drink alcohol to excess and does not use drugs.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

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AT APTOS, CALIFORNIA:

On November 19, 1984, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] was contacted regarding the Appointee. He advised he has long been aware of the Appointee through her journalistic products, but only met her personally in the early 1980's when he was executive director of the John M. Owen Foundation in New York (he is now retired). H has remained in contact with her since that time and has lunch with her whenever he returns to New York, which is about twice yearly. He is in frequent correspondence. He became aware of her originally through the Committee for a Free World, which she founded and continues to direct. He advised that her character is absolutely without blemish. There common associates share the same high reputation. He is acquainted with her husband, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and also holds him in high esteem. She has the reputation of a first rate scholar and patriot. He stated that her extremely capable abilities as a writer and editor are reflected by her literary efforts and her service as Editor and Chief of "Basic Books." There is nothing in her background of a detrimental nature. He has the highest opinion of her personally and intellectually and has no reservations about recommending her for any position she would be placed. He is confident she would do a superb job in any undertaking.

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Honorable Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fielding:

Reference is made to my letter dated December 5, 1984, which furnished you the results of an investigation concerning Mrs. Midge Decter Podhoretz.

Enclosed is a summary memorandum containing the results of additional inquiries in this matter.

A request for a check of the records of the Office of Personnel Management has been outstanding since the outset of this inquiry but, to date, the results have not been received. We consider our investigation to be complete at this time and we will forward the results of the above-mentioned record check to you when that information is made available.

Sincerely yours,

CBM/mw
Oliver B. Revell
Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division

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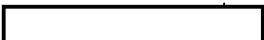
MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ

The information in this summary memorandum supplements the information contained in a summary memorandum dated December 5, 1984.

Interviews

Eight additional persons were interviewed, and all commented favorably regarding Mrs. Podhoretz's character, loyalty, and general standing. No one knew her to use illegal drugs or abuse alcohol. They recommended her for a position of trust and responsibility in Government service.



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REPORTING OFFICE PITTSBURGH	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 2/27/85	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/6/84-2/25/85
TITLE OF CASE MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ nee Rosenthal aka Midge Decter, Marjorie, [redacted]		REPORT MADE BY IA [redacted]	TYPED BY [redacted]
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPIN	

REFERENCE:

Bu tel to WF, 11/6/84.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Individuals contacted in this matter were advised of the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, and none requested confidentiality.

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Bureau File #: 161-18264

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Office of Personnel Management (OPM) file favorable re applicant, however, contains some information re husband.

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DETAILS:

On February 25, 1985, [REDACTED] Records Supervisor, United States Office of Personnel Management (USOPM), NACI Center, Boyers, Pennsylvania, made available the investigative file on Midge Decter Podhoretz. This file reflects that a National Agency Check was conducted on Podhoretz on May 31, 1973. Information in this matter was favorable regarding the applicant, however, file mentioned that husband's name appeared on a petition, that he was an editor to a subversive article and that his signature appeared on a letter of protest. OPM file contains no additional information regarding applicant.

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The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fielding:

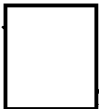
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This completes our investigation.

Sincerely yours,

Oliver B. Revell
Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division



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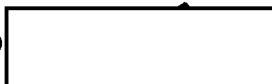
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MIDGE DECTER. PODHORETZ

The information in this summary memorandum supplements the information contained in a summary memorandum dated December 21, 1984.

Agency Check

Information has been received from the Office of Personnel Management indicating its files contain no additional information concerning Mrs. Podhoretz.

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NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS REQUESTED AT THIS TIME, HOWEVER OFFICES TO SUBMIT RESULTS BY BUDED BY SUMMARY TELETYPE SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION, NO REPORT NECESSARY.

DIRECT RESULTS TO ATTENTION, [REDACTED], SPECIAL INQUIRY, {SPIN} UNIT, ROOM 5158.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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August 20, 1986

(Date)

TO: FBI, LIAISON

FROM:

SUBJECT: FBI Investigations

Subject's Name PODHORETZ-DECTER, MIDGE (NMN) SSN 476-24-6240

Date of Birth 7/25/27 Place of Birth St. Paul, Minn.

Present Address 120 East 81st Street, New York, New York

We request: Copy of Previous Report

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The person named above is being considered for:

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8. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE. *(If actual places of residence differ from the mailing addresses, furnish and identify both. Begin with present and go back to January 1, 1937. Continue under item 28 on other side if necessary.)*

FROM	TO	NUMBER AND STREET	CITY	STATE
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March, 1978	---	120 E. 81st St.	New York	N.Y.
March, 1961	March, 1978	924 West End Ave.	New York	N.Y.
Oct. 1956	March 1961	315 West 106th St.	New York	N.Y.
Aug. 1954	Oct. 1956	59 West 71st St.	New York	N.Y.
Nov. 1950	Aug. 1954	? 77th Crescent	Bellerose	N.Y.
June 1948	Nov. 1950	237 West 11th St.	New York	N.Y.
Sept. 47	June 1948	? Brevoort Place	Brooklyn	N.Y.
July 25, 1927	Sept. 1947	1943 Fairmount Ave.	St. Paul	Minn.

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10. EDUCATION. *(All schools above elementary.)*

NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	FROM (Year)	TO (Year)	DEGREES
Central High	Marshall Ave. St. Paul, Minn.	9/42	12/44	
Univ. of Minn.	Minneapolis, Minn.	1/45	4/46	
Jewish Theological Seminary	3080 Broadway New York City	9/46	1/48	

11. THIS SPACE FOR FBI USE. *(See also item 29.)*

12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER , 476-24-6240

13. MILITARY SERVICE (Past or present) none

SERIAL NO. <i>(If none, give grade or rating at separation)</i>	BRANCH OF SERVICE <i>(Army, Navy, Air Force, etc.)</i>	FROM (Yr.)	TO (Yr.)
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26a. REFERENCES. (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are aware of your qualifications and fitness.)

NAME IN FULL

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26b. REFERENCES. (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are aware of your qualifications and fitness.)

NAME IN FULL

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27. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, HAVE YOU EVER BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A FULL FIELD OR BACKGROUND PERSONAL INVESTIGATION BY ANY AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT? ☒ YES ☐ NO. (If your answer is "Yes," show in item 28, (1) the name of the investigating agency (2) the approximate date of investigation, and (3) the level of security clearance granted, if known.)

28. SPACE FOR CONTINUING ANSWERS TO OTHER QUESTIONS. (Show item numbers to which answers apply. Attach a separate sheet if there is not enough space here.)

F.B.I. - 1985 level unknown

29. REPORT OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED. (This space reserved for FBI use.)

DATE:

Before signing this form check back over it to make sure you have answered all questions fully and correctly.

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY that the statements made by me on this form are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

False statement on this form
is punishable by law.

8/13/86
(DATE)

George S. Podlusz
(SIGNATURE—Sign original and first carbon copy)

INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED BY AGENCY

INSTRUCTIONS TO AGENCY: See Federal Personnel Manual Chapter 736 and FPM Supplement 296-31, Appendix A, for details on when this form is required and how it is used. If this is a request for investigation before appointment, insert "APPL" in the space for Date of Appointment and show information about the proposed appointment in the other spaces for appointment data. The original and the first carbon copy should be signed by the applicant or appointee. Submit the original and the unsigned carbon copy of the form, Standard Form 87 (Fingerprint Chart), and any investigative information about the person received on voucher forms or otherwise, to the United States Civil Service Commission, Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Washington, D.C., 20415. If this is a request for full field security investigation, submit these forms to the attention of the Division of Reimbursable Investigations; if this is a request for preappointment national agency checks, submit these forms to the attention of the Control Section.

RETAIN THE CARBON COPY OF STANDARD FORM 86 (SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT OR APPOINTEE) FOR YOUR FILES

DATE OF APPOINTMENT	TYPE OF APPOINTMENT <input type="checkbox"/> EXCEPTED <input type="checkbox"/> COMPETITIVE. (Include indefinite and temporary types of competitive appointments.)	CIVIL SERVICE REGULATION NUMBER OR OTHER APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY	TITLE OF POSITION AND GRADE OR SALARY
DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY	DUTY STATION	SEND RESULTS OF PREAPPOINTMENT CHECK TO:	
THIS IS A SENSITIVE POSITION			
(SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED AGENCY OFFICIAL)			

14. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMED FORCES UNDER OTHER THAN HONORABLE CONDITIONS? ☐ YES ☒ NO.

(If answer is "Yes," give details in item 28.)

15. EMPLOYMENT. (List ALL employment dates starting with your present employment. Give both month and year for all dates. Show ALL dates and addresses when unemployed. Give name under which employed if different from name now used.)

FROM	TO	NAME OF EMPLOYER (Firm or agency) AND SUPERVISOR (Full name, if known)	ADDRESS (Where employed)	TYPE OF WORK	REASON FOR LEAVING
9/80	--	Committee for the Free World	211 E. 51, NYC	Director	
11/74	6/80	Basic Books, 10 E. 53rd St., NYC		Editor	New Job
7/23	11/74	unemployed - free lance writer			book
9/71	7/73	Saturday Review, 488 Madison, NYC		Editor	to write
6/70	9/71	Unemployed - free lance writer at home			
8/66	6/70	Harper's Magazine, 2 Park Ave. NYC		Editor	boss fired
1/65	8/66	Columbia Records, 52nd & 4th, NYC		Editor	new job
1/57	9/64	childrearing - free lance editing & writing			
4/56	1/57	Midstream Mag. 250 W. 57th St., NYC		Editor	see above
11/54	4/56	Commentary Mag., 165 W. 56, NYC (new address)		Secretarial	new job
9/47	11/54	A series of short-term office jobs, one and off, including The Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation, 15 W. 86th St., Commentary, Mays Department Store - Glen Oaks, and a Dr. [REDACTED] for whom I worked part-time as a receptionist. I simply do not have these dates. The jobs occurred between and before the birth of my first two children, and were taken when we needed money, and left when we had enough. I am sorry. Nor have I found anyone who can help me reconstruct this part of my working life.			

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16. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISCHARGED (FIRED) FROM EMPLOYMENT FOR ANY REASON? ☐ YES ☒ NO.

17. HAVE YOU EVER RESIGNED (QUIT) AFTER BEING INFORMED THAT YOUR EMPLOYER INTENDED TO DISCHARGE (FIRE) YOU FOR ANY REASON? ☐ YES ☒ NO.
(If your answer to 16 or 17 above is "Yes" give details in item 28. Show the name and address of employer, approximate date, and reasons in each case. This information should agree with the statements made in item 15—EMPLOYMENT.)

18. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, HELD FOR INVESTIGATION OR QUESTIONING, OR CHARGED BY ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY?
(You may omit: (1) Traffic violations for which you paid a fine of \$30 or less; and (2) anything that happened before your 16th birthday. All other incidents must be included, even though they were dismissed or you merely forfeited collateral.) ☐ YES ☒ NO.

IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES," GIVE FULL DETAILS BELOW:

DATE	CHARGE	PLACE	LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY	ACTION TAKEN
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19. HAVE YOU EVER HAD A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN OR HAVE YOU EVER HAD MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR A MENTAL CONDITION? ☐ YES ☐ NO.
(If your answer is "Yes," give details in item 28.)

20. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (SINCE 1930). (Exclusive of military service.)

COUNTRY

DATE LEFT U.S.A.

DATE RETURNED U.S.A.

PURPOSE

See attached list

21. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., OR ANY COMMUNIST OR FASCIST ORGANIZATION? ☐ YES ☒ NO.

22. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, MOVEMENT, GROUP, OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH IS TOTALITARIAN, FASCIST, COMMUNIST, OR SUBVERSIVE, OR WHICH HAS ADOPTED, OR SHOWS, A POLICY OF ADVOCATING OR APPROVING THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF FORCE OR VIOLENCE TO DENY OTHER PERSONS THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, OR WHICH SEEKS TO ALTER THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY UNCONSTITUTIONAL MEANS? ☐ YES ☒ NO.

23. IF YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTION 21 OR 22 ABOVE IS "YES," STATE THE NAMES OF ALL SUCH ORGANIZATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, MOVEMENTS, GROUPS, OR COMBINATIONS OF PERSONS AND DATES OF MEMBERSHIP. IN ITEM 28 OR ON A SEPARATE SHEET TO BE ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THIS FORM, GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF YOUR ACTIVITIES THEREIN AND MAKE ANY EXPLANATION YOU DESIRE REGARDING YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR ACTIVITIES.

NAME IN FULL

ADDRESS

FROM

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24. MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. (List all organizations in which you are now a member or have been a member, except those which show religious or political affiliations.) (If none, so state.)

NAME IN FULL

ADDRESS

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Council on Foreign Relations 68th & Park, NYC Educ. 1980 --- none

Philadelphia Society No. Adams, Mich. Educ. 1983 --- none

Committee on the Present Danger Wash., D.C. Educ. 1977 --- none

25. RELATIVES: (Parents, spouse, divorced spouse, children, brothers, and sisters, living or dead. Name of spouse should include maiden name and any other names by previous marriage. If person is dead, state "dead" after relationship and furnish information for other columns as of time of death.)

RELATION

NAME IN FULL

YEAR OF BIRTH

ADDRESS

COUNTRY OF BIRTH

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP

husband						
father	Harry Rosenthal	1897	5 Island Ave. Miami, Fla.	XXXX	Poland	U.S.
ex-husband	Moshe Decter	1921	?		U.S.	U.S.
sister	Sheva Rosenthal Bernstein	1921	4201 Cathedral Pkwy. Wash., D.C.		U/S	U/S
sister	Constance Rosenthal Field		Mendota Hghts., Minn.		U.S.	U.S.
daughter						
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SUPPLEMENT TO SF-86

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

1. Please furnish the names and addresses of all corporations, firms or other business enterprises, partnerships, nonprofit organizations, and educational or other institutions with which you are presently associated or have been associated during the past five years either as officer, director, trustee, sole owner, partner or stockholder with controlling interest.

Committee for the Free World, 211 E. 51 St., NYC 10022

Heritage Foundation, 214 Mass. Ave. NE, Washington, D.C. 20002

Ethics & Public Policy Center, 1030 15th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20005

Institute for Educational Affairs, 1112 16th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036

2. Have you ever been a candidate for Federal, state or local elected office, or a treasurer or other officer of a political committee? Were there any complaints lodged with the Federal Election Commission or state or local election authorities against you or your political committee? If so, please explain.

No

3. Do you maintain any residence other than your permanent residence; e.g., vacation home? If so, please furnish address.

12 Settlers Landing Lane, East Hampton, New York 11237

4. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by, or been the subject of a complaint to, any court, administrative agency, professional association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If so, please give full details.

no

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5. To your knowledge have your activities or those of any of your business enterprises, or associates in those enterprises, ever been the subject of criminal investigation, or a civil enforcement investigation or proceeding? If so, please give full details.

No

6. Have you ever been a party in any civil court action? If so, please give full details.

No

I understand that the information being provided on this supplement to the SF-86 is to be considered part of the original SF-86 dated 8/13/86 and a false statement on this form is punishable by law.

Signed

Miss Kate Palmer

ANSWER TO QUESTION 20

1. United Kingdom	7/58 - 8/58	pleasure
2. W. Germany	11/67 - 11/67	journalists tour
3. Mexico	7/68 - 7/68	tour
4. Israel	6/70 - 6/70	writing assignment
5. Israel	11/73 - 11/73	tour
6. France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, U.K.	2/77 - 3/77	U.S.I.A. Amparts program
7. West Germany	5/81 - 5/81	Conference
8. West Germany	6/83 - 6/83	Conference
9. West Germany, France, Turkey, Greece	11/83 - 12/83	U.S.I.A. Amparts program
10. Israel	5/84 - 5/84	family visit
11. Israel	10/85 - 10/85	family visit
12. Israel	1/86 - 1/86	conference

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Thank you.

Name (please print)

Signature

Date _____

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 IIS Room 4166 TL 232
 ELSUR Room 4997 TL 114
 NCIC Room 7233 TL 243
 Wanted & CCH Files
 Attn: [REDACTED]

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FROM: SPECIAL INQUIRY Room 5161 TL 233 [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ, SPIN, BUDED: 9/5/86
 SEE: ROSENTHAL AKA: MIDGE DECTER; MIDGE PODHORETZ;
 MRS. MOSHE DECTER; [REDACTED]

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Subject is described as follows:

negative
Result

Name: MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ
 DOB: 7/25/27
 POB: ST. PAUL MIUN
 SSAN: 476-24-6240
 Current residence: 120 EAST 81ST ST.
NEW YORK, NY
 Employment: COMMITTEE FOR THE FREE WORLD
NEW YORK, NY

Close Relatives

Result	Relationship	Name	DOB	Residence

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Name: MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ

DOB: 7/25/27

POB: ST. PAUL MIUN

SSAN: 476-24-6290

Current residence: (120 EAST 81ST ST.

NEW YORK, NY

Employment: COMMITTEE FOR THE FREE WORLD

NEW YORK, NY

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POB: ST. PAUL, MINN

SSAN: 476-24-6240

Current residence: 120 EAST 81ST ST.

NEW YORK, NY

Employment: COMMITTEE FOR THE FREE WORLD

NEW YORK, NY

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APPOINTEE SINCE NOVEMBER 22, 1984, DATE OF LAST REPORT REGARDING APPOINTEE.

A REVIEW OF THE RECORDS OF CREDIT BUREAU INCORPORATED, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ON AUGUST 28, 1986 BY INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANT [REDACTED] REFLECTED NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION REGARDING APPOINTEE. A REVIEW OF THE CRIMINAL RECORDS OF THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT ON AUGUST 27, 1986 BY IA [REDACTED] WAS NEGATIVE FOR APPOINTEE AND ALL AKAS. REVIEWS (TELEPHONIC) OF THE FOLLOWING RECORDS BY IA [REDACTED] ON AUGUST 28, 1986 WERE NEGATIVE REGARDING APPOINTEE: SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK TELEPHONE NUMBER (212) 791-0012 (CRIMINAL MATTERS) [REDACTED]; (212) 791-1051 (CIVIL MATTERS) [REDACTED]; EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, TELEPHONE NUMBER (718) 330-7000 (CRIMINAL MATTERS) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AND (718) 330-7002 (CIVIL MATTERS) [REDACTED]

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MIDGE (NMN) DECTER PODHORETZ
nee: Rosenthal, aka: Midge Decter,
Midge Podhoretz, Mrs. Moshe Decter,

SPECIAL INQUIRY
BUDED: 9/5/86

REFERENCED BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FBI FIELD
OFFICES, DATED 8/21/86.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUEST CONTAINED IN REFERENCED
TELETYPE THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED:

* INDICES SEARCHED 9/4/86, BY CLERK
CFR SEARCHED 9/4/86, BY CLERK
ELSUR SEARCHED 9/2/86, BY CLERK

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NO IDENTIFIABLE RECORD OBTAINED. (except noted below)

- * WFO Indices revealed the following references possibly identifiable with the appointee's ex-spouse, MOSHE DECTER: (SEE ATTACHED)

WFO file (pertaining to a MOSHE DECTER) (S)
(Bureau file)
WFO file (pertaining to a MOISHE DECTER)
(too extensive to duplicate - NOT ATTACHED)
(Bureau file)

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- * WFO Indices revealed the following references possibly identifiable with the appointee's sister, CONSTANCE ROSENTHAL FIELD: (SEE ATTACHED)

WFO file #100-51888-1958A
(same info. appears in WFO file #100-56261-10)

(U) 101-18262-107
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- * WFO Indices revealed the following reference possibly identifiable with the appointee's daughter, RUTH PODHORETZ BLUM: (SEE ATTACHED)

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Classified By: 9912
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EXECUTIVE CLERKS OFFICE
OLD EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING
17TH AND PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.E.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on August 25, 1986, regarding the appointee,
MIDGE DECTER PODHORETZ updated since November, 1984.

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On March 14, 1985, MIDGE DECTER was nominated to be a member of the Advisory Board for Radio Broadcasting to Cuba for one year. She was confirmed by the Senate on October 25, 1985.


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IA  caused a search to be made of the files of the U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, and was advised on 8/28/86, that no record was found concerning the appointee.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE PITTSBURGH	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 9/5/86	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/26/86 - 9/5/86
TITLE OF CASE MIDGE (IMN) DECTER PODHORETZ, nee Rosenthal, aka Midge Decter; Midge Podhoretz; Mrs. Moshe Decter; <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>		REPORT MADE BY IA <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div>	TYPED BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 40px; height: 15px;"></div>
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

All persons contacted in this matter were advised of the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, and none requested confidentiality.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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								PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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Title: MIDGE (NMN) DECTER PODHORETZ

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Office of Personnel Management (OPM) checks show no information since previous investigation.

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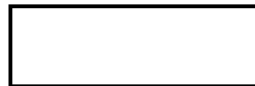
DETAILS:

On 9/5/86, [REDACTED], Records Supervisor, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT (USOPM), NACI Center, Boyers, Pennsylvania, advised that OPM files contain no additional information for captioned applicant since last investigation conducted.

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Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wallison:

In accordance with a request received from you on August 21, 1986, a limited update investigation has been conducted concerning Mrs. Midge Decter Podhoretz. Transmitted herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation.

An applicant-type investigation was conducted concerning Mrs. Podhoretz in 1984. The results of that investigation have been previously provided to you. The enclosed summary memorandum covers limited inquiries where Mrs. Podhoretz currently resides and is employed.

Sincerely yours,

Floyd I. Clarke
Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division

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NOTE: Mrs. Podhoretz is employed by the Committee for the Free World, New York, New York, as Director. She is being considered for Presidential reappointment as a member, Advisory Board for Radio Broadcasting to Cuba, which requires Senate confirmation. Investigation is favorable and complete. Limited update investigation consists of arrest and credit checks where appointee currently resides and works. Results of the previous 161 investigation were sent to the White House on December 5, 1984.

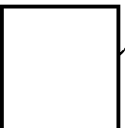
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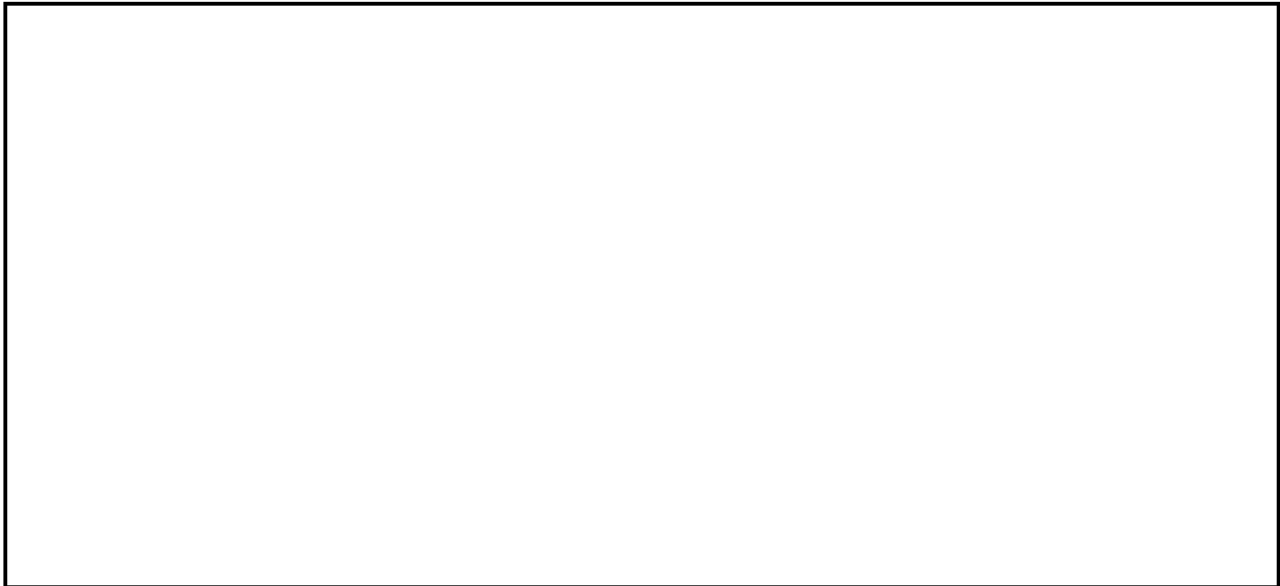
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This summary memorandum covers the period since December, 1984, and provides the results of limited inquiries in localities where Mrs. Podhoretz is currently employed and resides. Mrs. Podhoretz was born on July 25, 1927, in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from appropriate credit reporting agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no pertinent information concerning Mrs. Podhoretz.

Information has been received from appropriate law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain no record concerning Mrs. Podhoretz.



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A search of the records of the FBI, including central records at FBI Headquarters, the records of the Identification Division, the files of appropriate field offices, as well as appropriate computer data bases, did not identify any files that contain pertinent information identifiable with Mrs. Podhoretz or her close relatives.

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